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T-Showers
High: 61, Low: 37



TOMORROW
Few Showers
High: 52, Low: 41

Construction affects business

Heavy traffic in the area steers consumers away until summer

By Alexandria Clark
Senior Reporter

South Main Street construction has been heavily affecting businesses since March 16, due to consumers not wanting the hassle of heavy traffic.

The construction on South

Main Street from Ordway Avenue to the corporate line will not end until July 30.

"Due to the snow storm, road construction on South Main Street has been moved up because of its horrid condition," said Elaine Skoog, member of the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce.

Skoog said businesses will be minimally impacted because of the short duration of construction.

"When road construction occurs, it will always have some type of impact on the surrounding businesses," Skoog said.

But Skoog said this road construction should not take long.

"The construction is only for short term — it's not like when construction was taking place on Wooster Street," she said.

"The Wooster project had a major impact on business due to heavy traffic and because it was such a long project due to widening the street."

South Main Street's roads will be resurfaced, there will be repairing of the pavement joints and the sewer trench, upgrades to the curb (wheelchair) ramps, milling of asphalt and the entire length of

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Cost to wash runs high at dorms

Students search for alternatives

By Alexandria Clark
Senior Reporter



DORMS: The washers and dryers in Offenbauer offer students on campus opportunity to wash clothes. The only thing needing improvement is the price, said Jodi Dues.

Instead of doing laundry at the dorms for \$1.25, some students are washing their clothes at local Laundromats, going home on the weekends and going to friends' apartments to cut down on spending. The residence halls' cost to wash for one load of clothing is \$1.25 and to dry for 15 minutes is 25 cents, but some students do not have the money to spend on washers and dryers because they are too expensive.

"I can't afford to use the University's washers and dryers because I have to buy books, basic necessities such as hygiene products, and make sure my Bursar bill is paid for," said Candance Daniels, sophomore.

Daniels said she does her laundry at home to cut down on spending money.

"I live in Toledo, so it is very convenient for me to just go home every two weeks and do my laundry at home for free," she said.

Daniels said it is ridiculous for the University to charge students to wash and that the costs to wash and dry should already be covered by tuition.

"My friend stays in the apartment building called Copper Beach and she doesn't have to pay to do her laundry because it is already included in

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WASH AND PLAY

While doing your laundry, you can try out the playground

Kirk's Coin Laundry

709 S. Main Street

- Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week with playground and served coffee.
- Regular Washers: \$1.50
- Double loader washers: \$1.50
- Triple loader washers: \$2.50/\$2.75
- Dryer: 25 cents
- 40 washers/40 dryers

COFFEE AND A WASH

Enjoy a nice cup of joe while doing your laundry

Southside Laundromat

993 S. Main Street

- Open 24 hours, seven days a week
- Regular Washers: \$1.25
- Double loader washers: \$1.50
- Triple loader washers: \$3.50
- Dryer: 25 cents for 75 minutes
- 46 washers/30 dryers

RECREATION WASH

Lmaries has air hockey to pass the time while you wait

Lmaries

111 Railroad Street

- Open 24 hours, seven days a week with air hockey, pool table and Internet hot spot.
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- Regular/Double loader washers: \$1.55, Monday - Friday, 6 a.m. - 9 a.m.
- Dryer: 25 cents
- Can purchase a laundry card with a minimum of \$25.



CONVENIENCE: Lmaries on Wooster Street offers the biggest dryer in town. However, Kevin Eckenmode uses it because he lives right next door.

Hopefuls face off

By Kelly Day
Senior Reporter

With only two presidential hopefuls, last night's Undergraduate Student Government candidates went head to head discussing pressing issues like communication with students and higher education funding.

At the first and only debate during the campaigning period, USG members Johnnie Lewis and running mate Nick Gamero brought their experience in student government to the table, while Gino Georgetti and running mate Ryan Caligiuri offered a fresh perspective on student issues.

Facilitated by USG Chief

Administrator Tony Wagener, the teams were each given four minutes to state their platform and provide personal background information.

By winning a coin toss, Georgetti was chosen to speak first. One of Georgetti's primary concerns is USG's communication with BGSU students. Georgetti said he feels students are currently unfamiliar with USG and its purpose.

If elected he hopes to increase communication by sending bi-weekly mass e-mails to students and giving a monthly state of the student body address in the Union din-

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Images tell the story

By Alaina Buzas
Reporter

Even after the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina to the Gulf Coast, natives were able to create something beautiful out of a place where people never thought there could be beauty again.

For this week's Brown Bag Lunch, Director of Women's Studies Vikki Krane and Associate Professor of Sociology Laura Sanchez presented "Women and Art in the Wake of Hurricane Katrina." Krane and Sanchez used a slide show of images of both art and architecture, YouTube videos of female musicians from New Orleans



Vikki Krane
Director of Women's Studies

performing and their own photos from the Gulf Coast to tell the story of New Orleans as a city of art.

"New Orleans is a place where art is around you at all times," Sanchez said.

Sanchez, who lived and taught in New Orleans before coming to Bowling Green, said the art of New Orleans is not only in

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Comedians laugh at government

By Jessica Spies
Reporter

A stand-up comedy act openly criticizing political leaders and the government was performed by Jeff Kreisler and Sean Crespo, continuing the first annual College Dems week events.

Kreisler is the primary leader of the show "Comedy Against Evil," and started his career in political comedy in 1999, when he developed material for the upcoming presidential election.

He is now working on a book

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BLOTTER TUESDAY

10:22 P.M.

Customer reported to be getting irate at Staples on South Main Street after she was told the store wouldn't scan her pictures due to copyright infringement laws.

1:53 P.M.

Theft of five angel figurines and a wooden night stand sometime in mid-to-late February reported at a North Grove Street apartment.

3:48 P.M.

Possible break-in reported at a vacant house on Scott Hamilton Avenue. The landlord told police that in the last two weeks, someone forced open the garage door, causing \$350 in damage. Nothing was reported missing.

7:49 P.M.

Fairview Avenue resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.

8:37 P.M.

Wallet reported stolen from a purse at Meijer on East Wooster Street.

9:24 P.M.

Clough Street resident reported finding papers on her desk that don't belong to her or her roommate. She told police she believes someone was in her apartment and that her purse had been rummaged through.

WEDNESDAY

1:55 A.M.

Tara R. Rubel, 25, of Rising Sun, Ohio, arrested for disorderly conduct at an East Wooster Street bar after she was involved in a fight and then was verbally uncooperative with police. She was taken to the Wood County Justice Center on \$1,500 bond.

2:39 A.M.

Ryan Anthony Epps, 19, of Madison, Miss., arrested for underage under the influence of alcohol and using another person's ID when the vehicle he was riding in was pulled over at Thurston Avenue and Wooster Street.

LAUNDRY

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her living expenses bill, which is her rent and utilities," Daniels said. "And I think the University should do the same and our room and board that we pay for should cover laundry expenses."

On the other hand, some students who do not live near home go to local Laundromats.

Nicole Johnson, freshman, lives in Harshman Dunbar, and said she uses the Quick Clean Laundry across the street to do her laundry.

"I think it is really convenient and saves money for me because at the Quick Clean Laundry it has a lot of washers and dryers," Johnson said.

Even though Quick Clean Laundry costs \$1.50 to wash, 25 cents more than the University, Daniels said she can wash and dry her clothes faster than she could at the residence halls.

"At Harshman there are only four washers and dryers on the first floor," Johnson said. "There is always a hassle to be able to get a washer and a dryer at the same time."

At Quick Clean Laundry there is an estimate of 40 washers and 30 dryers. It costs 25 cents to dry for eight minutes and \$1.25 to wash.

Some local Laundromat owners think it is beneficial for college students to do their laundry at the Laundromats.

"A lot of the college kids wait until they are down to their last pair of pants to do their laundry," said Paula Kirkland, owner of Kirk's Coin Laundry. "I think when the college students have a lot of loads of laundry to do, they come here because they can fit more in the washers and dryers for a cheaper price."

Kirkland said she gets a mix of students who live in the apartments and residence halls.

"I know a lot of them come here and give me business because during spring break and summer, business is really slow," Kirkland said.

At Kirk's Coin Laundry it costs \$1.50 to wash in the regular and double loader washers and 25 cents to dry.

Along with Kirkland, other owners of Laundromats agree the businesses benefit the students.

The owner of Southside

PLENTY OF WASH

You can do multiple loads with the number of machines offered

Quick Clean Laundry 1420 E. Wooster Street

- Open 24 hours, seven days a week.
- Regular washers: \$1.50
- Dryers: 25 cents for eight minutes

DORM FRESH

The dorm is the convenient way, but can be pricey.

On-campus Laundromats

- \$1.25 per wash
- 25 cents per dry, 15 minutes

Laundromat, who wanted to remain anonymous, said she gets a mixed crowd of college students who live on-campus and off-campus, as well as from local residents.

She said the students benefit from the Laundromat because there are more washers and dryers available to them at one time.

Southside Laundromat has 46 washers and 30 dryers. It costs \$1.25 to wash in the regular dryers, \$1.50 to wash in the double loaders, \$3.50 to wash in the triple loaders and 25 cents to dry for 7.5 minutes.

Some students agree with the owners about the benefits of not worrying if there are enough washers and dryers to use.

"I was so happy when Lmaries opened across from Dairy Queen because I go there to wash and dry my clothes and it is not far from Founders, in which I live at," said Richard Brown, junior. "Before it opened I used to do my laundry at Quick Clean Laundry. I choose to do my laundry off-campus because it is easier to get in and out without having to worry about if there are washers available."

Also Brown said doing his laundry off-campus saves on money.

"The washers and dryers are so big at these Laundromats, especially at Lmaries," he said. "So I can fit a lot of loads in one washer, instead of having to put three loads in three separate washers at school and spend \$3.75 compared to spending \$1.25 for three loads to put in one double loader washer at Lmaries."



BRYAN WINDSOR | THE BG NEWS

WASHER HAVEN: Lmaries supplies several washers and dryers to make it convenient for you to wash multiple loads. Lmaries also has several televisions, music and an air hockey table to pass the time. The laundromat uses a card to keep track of the money spent.

MAIN

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the street will be paved.

Skoog said the South Main construction project will not be a long project, but it will have great long-term benefits.

"Since the roads will be improved, I think businesses will improve because of the smooth drive to the stores," Skoog said.

Along with Skoog, Earlene Kilpatrick, director of downtown Main Street BG, agreed, saying that the road construction will be a challenge to some businesses.

"Businesses may have to step up in advertising to their customers and show them that they are still open and accessible," Kilpatrick said.

Kilpatrick added that during

the road construction, communication is very important.

"It's very important for the city of BG and the owners of the business to have good communication between each other," Kilpatrick said.

"Communication is very important so the city can give updates to the owners on how the construction is coming along and when it will be over with."

But even though the road construction just started, businesses are already being impacted.

Joe Schwartz, part owner of Ben's Table, said business is very slow.

"This road construction is a necessary evil and we have to just deal with it," he said.

Agreeing with Schwartz is Ken Shellhouse, manager of Rite Aid, saying that business is way down.

"The first day road construction started, our business was immediately hurt badly," Shellhouse said.

But Shellhouse said Rite Aid does not plan to do more advertising or have more sales to attract more customers.

"If people want to come to the store they will come, but we don't plan to do anything extra because of construction," Shellhouse said.

Shellhouse said when he was notified construction would be taking place he was not happy at all.

"I wasn't happy because I knew it would have a negative affect on business, but I'm sure that the road construction will have long term benefits to the city as well as for businesses on improvement," he said.

KATRINA

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paintings and sculptures, but in the buildings, festivities and the mixture of all different types of people.

"My neighbors were from all over the world; they were a work of art," Sanchez said.

One point Krane and Sanchez both hoped attendees would take away from the lunch concentrated on the people that made up the art of New Orleans.

"We both have ties to the city," Krane said. "We want to

keep reminding people so they don't forget."

Krane also said it is important for people to understand what went wrong so we can learn from any mistakes that were made.

"There are all the problems that occurred from not having resources," Krane said. "We need to prevent this from happening in the future."

Adelle Krutsch, junior, said even though she comes to the Brown Bag lunches every week, this one had a big impact on her.

"The biggest thing I learned is just the fact that we don't realize how much needs to be done down there," Krutsch said.

In fact, Krutsch hopes to apply what she learned and contribute to some of the rebuilding down there in some way, which is exactly the kind of response Krane and Sanchez were hoping for.

"I was delighted to see so many young college students here," Sanchez said.

Sanchez said that it is important for college students to see what happened and understand it because they are the ones who will need to deal with similar situations when they are older.

"It's important to understand Katrina has changed our lives and our world," she said.

Atlantis' launch not dated by NASA

By Mike Schneider
The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA managers won't decide until next month on a date for Atlantis' next launch, giving technicians more time to assess hail damage to the space shuttle's external fuel tank, officials said yesterday.

Atlantis originally was scheduled to lift off last week, but the launch was postponed after golf-ball-size hail caused thousands of dings on foam insulation on the fuel tank as the shuttle sat on the launch pad last month.

Bill Gerstenmaier, associate administrator for space operations, said NASA managers probably would wait until April

10 before deciding whether to use the current tank — which would leave open the possibility of flying in May — or swap it out with another tank, which would push back the next try until June.

"We can get some more analysis done; then we will have enough data to make a good decision," Gerstenmaier said.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Untimed Event

RSA March Madness

Union Pub

All day event

Nexus for Change

This ground-breaking conference will bring together practitioners, researchers, leaders, activists and educators to advance participative change methods. The planning and hosting team has been working over the past year with key thought leaders to assure that the agenda will be dynamic, purpose and outcome driven, conversation oriented and inclusive.

Union

10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Boston Brass Residency: Program for 3rd Graders

Free and open to the public

Wood County Public Library

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

SUSHI Thursday**Kreisher, Chilly's & Union**

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Tech Trends

Technology Trends and Web 2.0 Erick Schonfeld of Business 2.0 will provide an overview of the defining characteristics of Web 2.0, a look at some of the startups leading the way, and their larger impact on the business landscape.

206 Union

7:30 p.m.

International Film Series: "Xiao cai feng" (2002)

China, 110 minutes. Director: Sijie Dai Set in 1971 China, this film tells the story of two university students sent to a mountain mining village to be re-educated. Both fall in love with the illiterate granddaughter of the local tailor. They become friends, and Luo and Ma steal forbidden books of Western literature to teach the little seamstress. In so doing, they start a journey that would profoundly change her perspective on her world and teach the boys about the power of literature and their own ability to change their world.

Gish Film Theater, Hanna Hall

7:30 p.m.

Reading Series: MFA Readings

MFA readings by Matt McBride (poetry) and Seth Fried (fiction). Free and open to the public.

Prout Chapel

7 - 11 p.m.

Sail to Manila at Destinations Snack Bar**Harshman**

8 p.m.

Tuba and Euphonium Ensemble

The ensemble is directed by Professor Timothy Olt. Event is free and open to the public.

Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center

Gay rights take a step forward

By Niki Sullivan
MCT

TACOMA, Wash. — Annie McCullough got busy and forgot to come out on National Coming Out Day last October. She missed walking through the symbolic lavender door frame near a rainbow-draped table in the University of Puget Sound Student Union.

The 23-year-old senior said perhaps she forgot because she doesn't think twice about being openly gay on campus.

For UPS graduate Lisa Lusero, McCullough's forgetfulness is a mark of progress.

Lusero came out over the phone to a counselor she'd never met when she was a college freshman 14 years ago. She'd found the number on a flier in the library, one of the few papers that hadn't been torn down.

The difference between McCullough's and Lusero's experiences might be a sign of the times. But UPS hasn't just followed the gay rights movement's trajectory: In the past 20 years, the small liberal arts college in Tacoma has earned a reputation as one of the most gay-friendly universities in the nation.

UPS was recognized recently as one of the top 20 universities for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students by "The Advocate College Guide for LGBT Students." It's the first year The Advocate, a gay and lesbian publishing group, has compiled such a guide — evidence in part that there's a growing demand among young people looking for colleges where they'll feel welcome with respect to their sexual orientation.

Until recently, such a guide would have been "laughable," says John D'Emilio, an expert on the history of the gay rights movement who teaches at the University of Illinois at Chicago, because there was no such thing as a "gay-friendly" university. In the last decade, many universities across the country have made strides in creating a more accepting atmosphere, but only in the last few years have some schools, such as UPS, moved from acceptance to what D'Emilio called a "new plateau."

He said what sets these schools apart is "a sense of being welcomed, appreciated and integrated. I think that's something pretty

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THE GOOD MARKS

The advocate gave universities marks on how gay-friendly their campus was. UPS got 19 marks out of 20 on the "gay point-average" that schools were judged on. Some of the categories addressed on the list were:

- Trains campus police on LGBT sensitivity.
- Has a procedure for reporting hate crimes.
- Has an active LGBT alumni group.
- Has a variety of LGBT courses.
- Has a LGBT pride week or coming out week.
- Has a "safe zone" program.
- Has a nondiscrimination statement inclusive of sexual orientation.
- Actively recruits LGBT students to enroll on campus.
- Conducts special graduation ceremony for LGBT and ally students.
- Extends domestic partner benefits to same-sex couples.



RYAN EVANS | THE BG NEWS

PACKING FOR A CAUSE: Kathy Weber fills a backpack for S.P.A.R.C. Week. S.P.A.R.C. stands for Students Providing Aid and Resources to the Community.

College student works hard for education, cares for family

By Nick Perry
MCT

SEATTLE — Willie Butler Jr. is headed to college.

There's no doubt any longer in the mind of this 17-year-old junior from Cleveland High School. Even though his mother died from cancer a decade ago. Even though he works 18 hours a week at a shoe store to help his godmother buy food and clothes for himself and four other kids. Even though his grades aren't as good as he'd like.

"I want to do something big," Butler said. "I always wanted to

go to college but I was skeptical about what I had coming."

Butler, of West Seattle, will get official confirmation this week that he's won an Achievers Scholarship, virtually ensuring he won't have to foot any bills through four years of college.

This year he will be assigned a mentor to help prepare him for a lifestyle he knows little about.

The College Success Foundation, which has helped Butler and 4,450 other low-income and minority students in this state attend college, will today announce a \$112 million

move into Washington, D.C., as the next step in its ambitions to replicate itself nationwide.

The nonprofit is run out of Issaquah, Wash., by Bob Craves, a founding officer of Costco. Much of the funding — including the D.C. money — comes from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Some comes from Costco. Craves hopes other groups will step up as the nonprofit expands.

The D.C. branch of the College Success Foundation will offer scholarships at six high schools

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CAMPUS BRIEF

Open house presents three guest speakers

Today at 7:30 p.m. there will be a Wood County Hospital/ BGSU Healthcare Professions Open House in the Community Room of Offenhauer. Three doctors will be physician panelists returning this year. Karen Rippey will be speaking about physical therapy. Karen Bodeman about the lab and Kinsey Miller about dieticians.

A variety of music arrives this weekend

Tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. the Boston Brass will have an open coaching session in Kobacker Hall of the Moore Musical Arts Center. Also in Kobacker Hall at 8 p.m., the University's Festival Series will host the Boston Brass. These events are part of a three-day stay by the group. On Saturday Roger Schupp and the University Percussion Ensemble will perform "Percussion" at 11 a.m. in Bryan Recital Hall.

DAILY ADVISING TIP

Registration for Fall 2007 is just around the corner! Be sure to schedule an appointment with your academic advisor to discuss progress in your fall classes and possible spring classes. Schedule it SOON - appointment times fill up quickly!

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

Where do you volunteer time at and why?



"When I'm back home, I help student-teach at the high school."

JACKIE BOWMAN, Freshman, Education



"I hold foster care adoption parties with my mom's agency."

ASHLEY ZIMMERMAN, Junior, Social Work



"Local elementary schools where I'm from, because kids look up to really tall people like me."

RYAN KISABETH, Sophomore, Sports Marketing



"I volunteer at a mental retardation house and I do equine training."

JOE KOPP, Junior, Sports Marketing

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Students lose sight of tanning effects



MICHELLE DOMINICK, COLUMNIST

Spring is here, which means that summer is just around the corner. Studying for midterms and going to class become tedious activities as we look ahead to summer vacations and having fun in the sun. To many students, a popular way to prepare for the warm summer months is to start building an attractive glow at a tanning salon.

I'm shocked to know so many students who are turning to tanning beds to achieve their desired look. Regardless of how many warnings and cases of skin cancer that are prevalent in society, there are still numerous individuals who use tanning beds. It is apparent that society is ignoring the harmful effects of tanning.

According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, "the number of skin cancer cases has been rising over the years, and experts say that this is due to increasing exposure to UV radiation from the sun, tanning beds, and sun lamps." In 1997, the FDA projected that more than one million new skin cancer cases were likely to be diagnosed in the United States. Imagine how many individuals have developed skin cancer since then.

One of the main reasons why teens and college students lose sight of the harmful effects of tanning is because of our age.

"Regardless of how many warnings and cases of skin cancer that are prevalent in society, there are still numerous individuals who use tanning beds."

The FDA explains that skin aging and cancer are delayed effects that usually don't show up for several years after exposure. Since the damage is not immediately visible, students may not realize the harm they are doing to their skin until they reach middle age.

Student Stephanie Hunker lost her aunt due to skin cancer. Hunker says her aunt loved to tan but eventually developed a mole on the top of her head. "My Aunt Becky died when I was a baby. I don't remember anything about her because she died before I got to know her," Hunker recalls.

So if tanning is so harmful why do individuals refuse to stop? Despite the warnings of possible skin cancer and death later in life, many university students continue to use tanning beds to maintain a polished appearance.

Student Heather Christopher says she goes tanning because "it makes me look better and

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MATT MAUK | BG NEWS ILLUSTRATOR

Students, fundraisers need to keep focus on local problems, too



KRISTEN VASAS, COLUMNIST

March 18, 2007 seemed just like any other day. Students walked drudgingly to class, the incessant Bowling Green wind swept wildly across campus and teachers' droning lectures went on as before.

But unaware to some, that day marked something more than just another ordinary day in a University student's life.

Last Sunday kicked off Dance Week 2007: a week chock full of Dance Marathon fundraisers and spirit including a "window splash" which took place on Monday and a Max and Erma's night with 20 percent of proceeds going towards the Dance Marathon miracle children.

If all of this is sounding a little confusing to you, maybe it's time you brushed up on your Dance Marathon history.

Dance Marathon, which takes place in late March every year at the Recreation Center, first took place at the University in 1995 and works in conjunction with the Children's Miracle Network.

According to the University

Dance Marathon Web site, "the mission of the BGSU Dance Marathon is to hold a 32-hour fundraising event that benefits the Mercy Children's Hospital."

The funds raised from the students participating will provide research, treatment, equipment and education to children from Northwest Ohio who suffer from terminal illnesses, serious disease, birth defects and severe trauma.

Participating students also get the opportunity to meet and play with their "miracle family" — families with children who are patients at children's hospitals.

The marathon, which raised \$160,000 during the 2006 dance, is open to anyone who wants to participate.

And although the hours may seem long, University students are always willing to join in, regardless of the sometimes-extensive commitments that the marathon requires.

Even so, Dance Marathon is a campus activity that must be praised and acknowledged for its contribution to local people in need of a little extra help.

Too often, it seems that local individuals are pushed aside in the rising wave of global catastrophes that have swept our nation over the past several years.

From tsunamis to earthquakes to extensive flooding, it seems that local individuals who need just as much help from their fellow human beings are forgotten in the chaos of natural disasters and high-number catastrophes.

During President Bush's national address after the flooding of New Orleans due to Hurricane Katrina, he said, "These days of sorrow and outrage have also been marked by acts of courage and kindness that make all Americans proud...In the community of Chalmette, when two men tried to break into a home, the owner invited them to stay — and took in 15 other people who had no place to go."

He also said, "You need to know that our whole nation cares about you, and in the journey ahead you're not alone."

The simple fact of the matter is President Bush told no lies that night.

During the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, thousands of people who had no connection to New Orleans or the people affected by the flood banded together in order to help others in need.

As heard through one example in Bush's speech, people reached out to help in any way they could, whether it

"Too often, it seems that local individuals are pushed aside in the rising wave of global catastrophes that have swept our nation over the past several years."

be by offering shelter from the treacherous terrain or simply sending a dollar across states to people who needed it more than they did.

These momentous acts show the type of country we live in: a country that is willing to band together and help those who suffer catastrophic events.

And although it is absolutely wonderful that people seem to want to help during times of national tragedy, we simply do not see that kind of animated participation to aid those who need just as much help living right around the corner from us.

Fundraisers like Dance

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Completing the mission

U-WIRE — Four years ago, the United States launched a pre-emptive strike, overwhelmingly supported by the public. Then, with the effort taking longer than expected, support for the war slowly began to fade.

People started believing this war was unwinnable and we needed to leave immediately. Those people proudly put the bumper stickers on their cars and stood out on the cold, sometimes wet sidewalks just so a few passers-by could see and hear their opinion.

And good for them for having an opinion. Even though the Daily Editorial Board agrees that leaving Iraq immediately is not a logical or reasonable option, we can respect those who dissent, as they certainly have a valid point.

It has been almost half a decade since the shock-and-awe campaign, and there is still no clear solution to exactly how we are going to come out victorious in the battlefield that is Iraq.

It is very easy to feel detestation toward a president and an administration when you see the death tolls. You can watch its

growth every day, as the casualties build up and reports of increasing deaths are revealed in the news.

It is hard to defend this administration when it becomes less and less credible in regard to military leadership.

We need a drastic change in strategy. Many U.S. generals have given their opinions on the current state of Iraq and what steps need to be taken. Most of them agree we need a lot more troops — and 20,000 isn't going to do it.

While it may take a new administration to accomplish such a feat — since no one in Congress seems to trust this one — it is clear that this mission truly needs to be completed before we send our troops home.

It may take some more time, and it may take more lives, but we have to clean up the mess we have made.

This is certainly hard to swallow, since there are soldiers dying constantly while they try to bring about a true democracy in the region, but taking all of the troops out of Iraq could cause even more catastrophe.

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TANNING

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that boosts my self-esteem." Student Jayla Resler also goes tanning because of her appearance. Resler states, "I go tanning but not religiously. I mainly do it for my skin and the fact that I look gross in the winter. I don't go much though once its summer."

As a light-skinned individual, I can see why many people desire to add some color to their skin. Although tanning beds may seem to be an attractive alternative to looking pale, there are other options that are considered to be safer that students can use.

Several tanning salons offer a service that is called Mystic Tan. This procedure sprays a sunless tanner from a series of jets and dries within a few minutes. Results can generally be achieved in one session, but the process will need to be repeated every four to five days for darker color and to maintain the tan. This procedure is often more desired over other products because it covers hard-to-reach areas and is designed to make the tan even. For safety precautions, it is important to ensure that the area of the eyes, lips, mucous membrane, and the internal body itself is not exposed. The FDA advises that all consumers make sure they will

be protected from improper exposure, including inhaling or ingesting the product before participating in the service.

There are also different brands of sunless tanners in the forms of lotion and sprays. With improvements in technology, there are some quality products that are available in stores that work better than some orange, streaky competitors. The FDA authorizes the use of sunless tanners like lotions and creams for external application to the human body. According to Self Magazine, the best body self-tanner is Almay Sunless Tanner with SPF 15.

Just like choosing a healthy diet or beneficial exercise regimen, deciding what tanning routine is best for one's personal lifestyle should also be considered for healthy living. Although there are pros and cons to every method of tanning, it is important to keep in mind how your routine is affecting your body over time. It may be difficult to stop tanning completely, but this is true for any habit that individuals try to avoid. I would just like to ask everyone who goes tanning to re-evaluate your reasons. Does your reason to tan outweigh the possibility of a potential health ailment later in life?

Send comments to Michelle Dominick at mdominick@bgsu.edu.

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Marathon that raise money for the purpose of helping local families are few in numbers, which is something that I find extremely upsetting.

Although I am not saying that one should go out and donate their entire payment for college tuition to the local hospital, there are things one can do to make a difference in local lives.

For example, volunteer once a month at a local hospital or veterinary clinic. Spend

an hour a week at a nursing home. Get involved with community wellness programs. Join Dance Marathon!

Even a small contribution, such as an hour a month, can make a huge difference in someone's life.

Although it may not seem like it, giving your time to a local organization that helps the people in its own community can be just as valuable as donating money to someone who survived a catastrophe halfway around the world.

Send comments to Kristen Vasas at kristev@bgsu.edu.



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LET'S GET READY TO RUMBLE: Left to right: Presidential candidate John Lewis and running mate Nick Gamero sit at last night's debate when they went head to head with opponents Gino Georgetti and Ryan Caliguri.



John Lewis
USG presidential candidate

"Do it in the middle of the Student Union," he said. "People are going to be there eating lunch, they're probably not going to leave."

Ryan Caliguri | Candidate



Gino Georgetti
USG presidential candidate



JORDAN FLOWER | THE BG NEWS

ANYTHING ELSE: Left to right: Presidential candidate Gino Georgetti and his running mate Ryan Caliguri answer question at last night's debate.



JORDAN FLOWER | THE BG NEWS

HOPEFULS: USG president and vice president candidates squared off last night at a debate held in the Union.

USG

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ing area. Calliguri said he thinks this would be a more effective way to communicate than having only one address during the year in a closed location, as current USG President Bernard Little did this year.

"Do it in the middle of the Student Union," he said. "People are going to be there eating lunch, they're probably not going to leave."

Georgetti and Calliguri also emphasized the parking issues on campus. Georgetti said he hopes to make parking more uniform across campus.

"One of the issues here is that the parking meters on campus aren't necessarily the same," he said.

Georgetti said he would like to see that each meter costs the same amount of money for the same amount of time.

Lewis and Gamero's primary concerns are freshmen engagement on campus and the Student Health Center.

"Our health center has been regularly misdiagnosing individuals," he said.

Lewis said when talking to students, this was a concern he heard time and again. He would like to work with the center to make sure illnesses are diagnosed accurately.

Upon the conclusion of their opening remarks, Wagener asked a series of questions. Another issue presented was higher education funding. With Governor Ted Strickland's recent plan to stop the rising tuition and a 5 percent increase in government funding, both candidates agreed, though the plan sounds good, it would most likely harm the University.

Because the funding will go first to science, technology, engineering, math and medicine schools, BGSU would most likely not receive funding because it is a liberal arts school.

CANDIDATES

Here is some information on this year's USG candidates:

Name: Johnnie Lewis
Year: Junior
Major: Criminal Justice
Campus Involvement: USG At-Large Senator and Internal Affairs Chair, Four University Standing Committees including the Food Advisory Board and Pouring Rights.
Running for: President

Name: Nick Gamero
Year: Junior
Major: Journalism
Campus Involvement: USG Minority Affairs Senator, Editor-in-Chief of The Obsidian
Running for: Vice President

Name: Gino Georgetti
Year: Junior
Major: Actuarial Science
Campus Involvement: 2006 Phi Delta President, Army ROTC, Freddie Falcon
Running for: President

Name: Ryan Caliguri
Year: Junior
Major: Business Education
Campus Involvement: Phi Delta Theta Recruitment Chair, Army ROTC
Running for: Vice President

"It sounds good that we're not going to have rising tuition," Georgetti said. "But the University thrives on that money."

Lewis agreed the plan could have a negative impact on the University.

"It seems like it's designed to help students but it's really not," he said. "In order for tuition to go down we need to be subsidized by the state and have more government funding."

Other issues discussed at the debate were the downtown shuttle, BG1 card and off-campus student involvement. Elections will be held online April 2 and 3.

Cat killer comes clean

COLUMBUS, (AP)—A woman charged with animal cruelty in the deaths of five cats gave a videotaped confession in which she expressed frustration with the pet-adoption system and indicated some pet owners didn't deserve to have animals, a prosecutor said.

Maureen McLaughlin, 56, also said she knew what she did was wrong and knew the animals suffered, Assistant City Prosecutor Bill Hedrick said last night.

Assistant Public Defender Tanya Flanagan had objected to the bond, noting the charges are misdemeanors.

Franklin County Environmental Judge Harland Hale said he set the amount



Maureen McLaughlin
Faces a year and a half in prison

because McLaughlin fled to Mansfield and checked herself into a psychiatric facility after the first charge was filed following a search of her home. She was brought to the jail on Monday.

McLaughlin was interviewed March 11 by Franklin County animal control investigators following up on a call she made to Columbus police saying she had drowned a number of animals. McLaughlin confessed

and told the investigators she may have killed as many as 650 dogs and cats in the last five years, Hedrick said.

She is charged with drowning three stray cats, as well as one belonging to her mother and another belonging to a neighbor who said she hadn't seen her pet since she asked McLaughlin to look after it in late February.

McLaughlin has been diagnosed with psychiatric problems, but she was aware that her actions were wrong and may be prosecuted on that basis, Hedrick said.

She faces a maximum 1 1/2 years in jail, whether she's convicted of killing three animals or 650, the prosecutor said.

COMEDY

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due out in the fall entitled "Get Rich Cheating," a satire of corporate crime.

Sean Crespo, the opening comedian for Kreisler, has been with the group for the last two-and-a-half years. In addition to stand-up comedy, Crespo is also writing a satirical Creationism science textbook.

Crespo got interested in political comedy because it was something that he was passionate about. It was difficult for him to break into the scenes in New York because audiences have already heard all of the political jokes, he said.

Crespo opened by commenting on the odd venue, a blank lecture room in Olscamp.

"This is the little crowd that could," he said. "I feel like I'm going to give a creepy real estate seminar."

Throughout his performance, he

professed his hatred for "hipsters," those who made "apathy cool."

He paralleled this to the government and the way it currently functions.

He also advocated activism in the government when he stated he likes the Boston Red Sox only because Boston is his hometown.

"Just because you're from an area doesn't mean you have to do what they do," he said.

Kreisler kept the humorous tone while addressing serious issues that affect Americans, such as economic policies the government has enacted.

"Trickle down economics is where the rich piss on the poor," he said.

The government tends to overlook minorities and those who are experiencing deep poverty, he said.

"Deep poverty is a family of four that makes less than \$7,000 a year," Kreisler said. "That's fricking poor."

Kreisler addressed other issues

such as the Scooter Libby trial, the relation between Ann Coulter and Paris Hilton as well as MySpace, but got the most laughs when he joked about our current president.

"The president said that 'America is suffering a hangover after the economic binge.' Hey, at least he's writing his own speeches," Kreisler said.

Kreisler and Crespo realize that all audience members may not agree with their political views.

"They're pretty respectful," Crespo said. "They realize we're not frothing-at-the-mouth liberals. They're polite but they disagree with our views."

Both are trying to not just entertain their audiences but to educate them as well. Through satire, audiences can see what politicians are saying and discover what the truth is for themselves, Kreisler said.

"Satire plays an important role in society when it's done well," Kreisler said. "It's not usually, but this is what we're hoping to do."

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Sexual assault in Military on the rise

By Lolita C. Baldor
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Reports of sexual assaults in the military increased by about 24 percent last year and more than twice as many offenders were punished.

There were nearly 3,000 sexual assault reports filed in 2006, compared with almost 2,400 the previous year, a Pentagon report said yesterday. Action was taken against 780 people, from courts-martial and discharges to other administrative remedies.

The cases involved members of the military who were victims or accused of the assaults. The military counts rape, nonconsensual sodomy, indecent assault and attempts to commit any of those as sexual assault, though the 17-page report contained no data on how many of each were reported.

This is the third year the military has compiled these sexual assault statistics. The reporting methods have changed each year, however, making comparisons of the annual reports difficult.

Of the 2,947 sexual assaults reported last year, 756 were initially filed under a program that allows victims to report the incident and receive health care or counseling services but does not notify law enforcement or commanders.

The restricted, confidential reporting program allows the victims to consider pursuing an investigation later; that was done

"There are more women serving and more women deployed, including Guard and Reserve members."

Anita Sanchez | Spokeswoman

in 86 of the 756 cases last year. Data for 2005 included only the restricted cases for half the year.

According to the new report, more than 1,400 investigations into sex assault cases dating to 2004 were completed last year. In slightly more than half, commanders took no action, most often because the charges were not substantiated or lacked evidence.

When action was taken, more than one-third — or 292 individuals — were court-martialed. An additional 243 received nonjudicial punishment and 245 either were discharged or received some other administrative action. Nonjudicial punishments can include reprimand letters or demotions.

Pentagon officials have said that sexual assaults often go unreported. They have attributed the rise in number in part to the vigorous effort to encourage victims to report the crime.

"We expected those efforts, as well as increased training and improved victim services, would prompt many more victims to come forward, and we expected the numbers to increase this year," said Pentagon spokeswoman

an Cynthia Smith.

Others said that reporting changes and training are not likely the only reasons for the higher numbers.

"Those conclusion are a little too fast and too easy," said Anita Sanchez, spokeswoman for the Miles Foundation, a private, nonprofit organization that provides services to victims of violence associated with the military. "There are more women serving and more women deployed, including Guard and Reserve members. Historically we have seen an increase in incidents of sexual assault during deployments."

The report provided a breakdown of some of the assaults, saying that 756 of the victims were members of the military. Of those, 285 were Army soldiers, 247 were in the Air Force, 144 were in the Navy, 48 were Marines and one was in the Coast Guard.

Army spokeswoman Maj. Cheryl Phillips said, "There is no evidence that the actual number of assaults is increasing in the Army, but there are definite indicators that the Army has created more willingness among Soldier victims to report incidents."



SOLDIERS IN NEED: Hospital staff walk the halls of Irwin Army Hospital at Fort Riley, Kan. The 50-year-old hospital serves 43,000 soldiers and their families.

Veterans Affairs' hospitals in need of maintenance

By Hope Yen
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Veterans Affairs' vast network of 1,400 health clinics and hospitals is beset by maintenance problems such as mold, leaking roofs and even a colony of bats, an internal review says.

The investigation, ordered two weeks ago by VA Secretary Jim Nicholson, is the first top-down review of the facilities conducted since the disclosure of squalid conditions at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

A copy of the report was provided to The Associated Press.

The report found that 90 percent of the 1,100 problems cited were deemed to be of a more routine nature: worn-out carpet, peeling paint, mice sightings and dead bugs at VA centers.

The other 10 percent were considered serious and included mold spreading in patient care areas. Eight cases were so troubling they required immediate attention and follow-up action, according to the 94-page review.

Some of the more striking problems were found at a VA clinic in White City, Ore. There, officials reported roof leaks throughout the facility, requiring them to "continuously repair the leaks upon occurrence, clean up any mold presence if any exists, spray or remove ceiling tiles."

In addition, large colonies of Mexican Wing-tailed bats resided outside the facility and

sometimes flew into the attics and interior parts of the building.

"Eradication has been discussed but the uniqueness of the situation (the number of colonies) makes it challenging to accomplish," according to the report, which said the bats were being tested for diseases. "Also, the bats keep the insect pollution to a minimum which is beneficial."

In other findings:
• In Oklahoma City, second-hand smoke from an outside smoking shelter sometimes infiltrated the building through the women's restroom.

• Deteriorating walls and hallways were common, requiring repair, patch and paint in 30 percent of patient areas in Little Rock, Ark.

• Numerous unspecified "environmental conditions" affected the quality of the building in New York's Hudson Valley, with the private landlord repeatedly refusing to fix problems. The VA is taking steps to relocate to another facility.

• Roof leaks or mold at facilities such as Hudson Valley; North Chicago, Ill.; Indianapolis; Puget Sound, Wash.; Portland, Ore; and Fayetteville, Ark.

In response, Nicholson this week ordered "immediate corrective action" to fix problems, with full accounting provided to the VA. He noted that an overwhelming majority of the issues were normal "wear and tear" items.

NATION BRIEFS

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Wall Street members rally for lower rates

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street rallied sharply yesterday after an economic assessment by the Federal Reserve ignited hopes that the central bank has warmed to the idea of lowering short-term interest rates.

Largely thanks to yesterday's triple-digit gains, the Dow Jones industrials have surged 337 points this week, the best three-day performance for the blue chip average since November 2004.

Senators set Iraq deadline in war bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democrats have drafted a \$121.5 billion war spending bill that would direct President Bush to begin bringing home troops from Iraq with the goal of ending U.S. combat missions there in just over a year. The provision is similar to a resolution the Senate narrowly rejected last week. It failed on a 50-48 vote, falling 12 votes shy of the 60 needed to pass, after President Bush vowed to veto the legislation.

House panel OKs subpoenas for aides

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House panel on yesterday approved subpoenas for President Bush's political adviser, Karl Rove and other top White House aides, setting up a constitutional showdown over the firings of eight federal prosecutors.

By voice vote, the House Judiciary subcommittee on commercial and administrative law decided to compel the president's top aides to testify publicly and under oath about their roles in the firings.

Child molester and his parents face charges

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) — A convicted child molester and his parents were indicted yesterday on charges they molested and then murdered a 6-year-old neighbor boy, whose body was found last week in a trash bag dumped by a roadside.

Glynn County District Attorney Stephen D. Kelley said he will seek the death penalty against George David Edenfield, 32, who has a prior child molestation conviction from 1997, and his parents, David and Peggy Edenfield.

Death in pets investigation continues

By Andrew Bridges
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The pet food linked to the deaths of 16 animals has shown no signs of contamination, the manufacturer says, and the company cannot explain why the cats and dog developed acute kidney failure and died.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Paul Henderson, the chief executive and president of Menu Foods, said yesterday the company was looking at a single ingredient. He wouldn't identify it, but the Food and Drug Administration has said the investigation was focusing on wheat gluten.

"Our hypothesis is that it is that ingredient that in fact represents the highest probability as to the cause," Henderson said. "But we have been unable to prove that through scientific information."

The animal deaths have led to the recall of 60 million cans and pouches of pet food sold throughout North America under 95 brand names.

"This is a puzzling and troubling experience for everybody within this organization," Henderson said in an interview from company headquarters in Streetsville, Ontario. "It is extremely disheartening that we haven't been able to find the causative agent."

There have been tests on 10 cats that died performed by an outside company for Menu Foods. The results show only that the cats died of acute kidney failure.

There have been widespread reports of kidney failure, some fatal, in pets that have eaten the recalled brands.

Menu Foods last week recalled "cuts and gravy" style dog and cat food. The recall has sparked concern among pet owners across North America. It includes food



BAD FOOD: Julie Benesh, left, talks with veterinarian Kimberly Kempfer, right, about her 17-year-old domestic cat after showing symptoms that other animals displayed before death.

sold under store brands carried by Wal-Mart, Kroger, Safeway and other large retailers, as well as private labels like Iams, Nutro and Eukanuba. Call centers hired by the company received 47,000 calls over the weekend, Henderson said.

"Our hearts go out to all of the pet owners across Canada, the United States and Mexico for any losses they experience and certainly for the worry this incident may be causing," Henderson said.

The FDA has sent investigators to New Jersey and Kansas plants

operated by Menu Foods.

Wheat gluten is a source of protein and was used to thicken the gravy in the pet food, sold in both cans and pouches, according to the FDA.

A complete list of the recalled products along with product codes, descriptions and production dates was available from the Menu Foods Web site, <http://www.menufoods.com/recall>.

The company also designated two phone numbers that pet owners could call for information — (866) 463-6738 and (866) 895-2708.

Soldiers face murder, rape charges

By Kristin M. Hall
The Associated Press

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. — A Fort Campbell soldier pleaded guilty yesterday to being an accessory to the rape and murder of a 14-year-old Iraqi girl and the slaying of her family.

Pfc. Bryan Howard, 20, also pleaded guilty to conspiracy to obstruct justice by lying to his superior officers about the attack last year in Mahmoudiya, 20 miles south of Baghdad. It was one of the most shocking atrocities in the Iraq war.

Howard could get up to 15 years in prison at a sentencing hearing expected to begin yesterday.

Five soldiers were charged in the rape of Abeer Qassim al-Janabi and the killings of her

her parents and her younger sister. Two of the soldiers previously pleaded guilty and said Howard's role was minimal.

Howard told the judge yesterday he was left behind at a checkpoint while four other soldiers went to rape the girl. Howard said he overheard the four planning the attack.

Howard said he only started to realize that someone had been killed after the soldiers returned about 10 minutes later. He said the four soldiers were in a "hectic state and hyper."

Howard said he saw blood on one of the soldier's uniforms, but he didn't remember which one.

"I was slowly starting to believe what they had done, that they had committed the crimes, the rape and the murder," Howard said.

Spc. James P. Barker and Sgt. Paul E. Cortez, who have pleaded guilty to rape and murder, have said they took turns raping the girl while Pfc. Steven D. Green shot and killed her mother, father and younger sister.

"I was slowly starting to believe what they had done, that they had committed the crimes."

Pfc. Bryan Howard | Soldier

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Internet dating just got hotter

By Daniela Flores
The Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — Jason Pellegrino (an 8.2 on the attractiveness scale) says the problem with Internet dating services is not enough really hot-looking people.

So he and a business partner have created HotEnough.org, a sort of online version of Studio 54, the exclusive '70s disco where gaining admission was a pitiless Darwinian exercise. HotEnough.org is for "fit, good-looking" people.

Prospective members must submit pictures and must be rated an 8 or higher by people already in the club. Once they're in, they are permitted to e-mail other "hotties" for \$9.95 a month.

"It's definitely hard to get through that rope, but once you're in, you're in and you're part of the party," Pellegrino said. "But you know there's going to be a lot of people outside waiting."

The 33-year-old Nutley resident said he and his partner, Sean Cohen of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., created the site after concluding that Internet dating sites attract a lot of brave and desperate people but not particularly attractive ones.

A few months after its launch, membership is just under 1,000.

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Jason Pellegrino | Co-founder

Pellegrino said. In the beginning, only 8 percent of those who applied made the grade, but now about 25 percent of applicants do, he said.

Candidates must send in three pictures, including one full-body shot. Active members rate the pictures online without knowing anything else about the people in them.

"People can say that the site is shallow, they can say it's superficial, but I think we're all a bit superficial when it comes to dating," Pellegrino said.

One of the "hotties" accepted into the club is Jimmy Ziomek, a 29-year-old from New York City who rated an 8.2. Ziomek, who said his job in real estate keeps him from going out much, is 5-foot-11, has blue eyes and light brown hair and goes to the gym four to five times a week.

Using HotEnough.org "saves time and it does the searching for you, narrows it down to the people that you are interested in meeting," he said.

Among those who didn't make the cut was Jeanette Ponder, a 28-year-old Internet

blogger from East Orange who considered herself an 8 or 9. She said she applied because she thought it would make a good story.

"I got rated at like 5.7," she said. "When you put yourself out there in any situation, even if it's one which you're not taking seriously, it's going to sting."

She also reasoned: "You cannot make a relationship by being arm candy."

Like it or not, HotEnough.org operates according to a principle that watchers of the singles scene have long recognized: "People tend to end up with partners who match them in physical attractiveness," said Margaret Clark, a professor of psychology at Yale University.

Pellegrino, whose day job as a project manager for a construction company in Maplewood leaves little time for dating, is 5-foot-10 and 180 pounds, has brown eyes and a bright smile, goes to the gym at least three times a week and gets his stylish haircut touched up every two weeks. He was happy to make it onto his own Web site.



ELAINE THOMPSON | AP PHOTO

MORE THAN JUST COFFEE: Dustin Doty, 13, eats a pastry as he waits before the annual Starbucks Corp. shareholders meeting yesterday in Seattle. Doty's mother purchased his first shares of Starbucks stock for him this past year.

Starbucks Corp. signs former Beatle

By Curt Woodward
The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Paul McCartney was introduced yesterday as the first artist signed to Starbucks Corp.'s new record label.

The former Beatle made an appearance via a video feed from London at the company's annual meeting.

The world's largest specialty coffee retailer announced earlier this month that it was partnering with Concord Music Group to launch the Los Angeles-based Hear



Paul McCartney
Legendary rocker,
most known for
The Beatles

Music label.

The McCartney announcement is another big step for Seattle-based Starbucks' attempts to spin part of its consumer appeal into the entertainment business.

The coffeehouse chain already has produced and sold

some albums, markets books, and helped develop a feature-length movie.

Hear Music has been used as a brand on other releases developed for sale in Starbucks stores. The coffee giant also has a branded page on Apple Inc.'s iTunes digital music store, and a handful of hybrid music-and-coffee stores that allow customers to burn tracks to CDs.

Concord, which controls several other labels, helped Starbucks sell the Grammy-winning "Genius Loves Company," an album of Ray Charles duets.

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Russia mourns victims of explosion

By Misha Japaridze
The Associated Press

NOVOKUZNETSK, Russia — Flooded caverns and flammable gas hampered the search yesterday for two workers missing after an explosion at a Siberian coal mine, as Russia held a day of mourning for the 108 miners killed in the country's worst mining disaster in more than a decade.

Flags flew at half-staff, church services were held nationwide and TV stations took entertainment programs off the air yesterday to mourn the victims of the mining disaster as well as for two other tragedies — a nursing home fire that left 63 dead and a weekend plane crash that killed six.

President Vladimir Putin led televised minutes-of-silence with his Cabinet, the head of the Russian Orthodox Church broadcast condolences and lawmakers called for a full investigation of the disasters.

In the Kuzbass regional city of Novokuznetsk, about 1,850 miles east of Moscow, relatives of those killed in the Ulyanovskaya mine lined up to identify the victims, some nearly burned beyond recognition.

About 200 workers were underground at the time of the blast, which occurred early Monday at a depth of around 885 feet. About 93 made it to the surface safely. Regional officials said a British employee of the British-German mining consultancy IMC was



CARLOS ANTONIO RIOS | AP PHOTO

INFORMED: Lee Medley, president of the Galveston County Central Labor Council, thanks the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for their investigation.

among the dead.

Mine brigade leader Vladimir Gunko said just six of the 11 members of his brigade survived the blast.

"The explosion happened. I couldn't see anything. I couldn't breathe. I had sand in my helmet and I pressed it against my mouth. I began shouting 'Guys! Guys!' but no one answered. I couldn't see anything, literally no more than 10 centimeters out. Then I began to search with

my feet, maybe to step on somebody, but I couldn't find anyone," Gunko told NTV television. "You wouldn't see anything, like even in a horror movie."

Water, gas and structural damage were slowing the search for two men still missing. Divers sent underground covered 165 feet but were unable to go further because their path was blocked by rubble, Emergency Situations Minister Sergei Shoigu said.

Soldiers find chemicals used in attacks

By Steven R. Hurst
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Some 1,600 U.S. and Iraqi soldiers pushed into a dangerous Sunni Arab area of west Baghdad yesterday, searching houses in the expanding security crackdown, while at least 33 apparent victims of sectarian killings were found dumped across the capital.

The U.S. military said the armor-backed force that swept into the Ghazaliyah and Amariyah neighborhoods detained 31 people and found two weapons caches that included containers of nitric acid and chlorine, a toxic material used recently by Sunni insurgents in bomb attacks.

No casualties were reported during the first day of the opera-

tion, which included about 1,100 American soldiers and 500 Iraqi troops.

The move was certain to ease tensions with Shiite Muslims in districts to the east. They had complained bitterly of being hit by mortar shells that Sunni fighters fired from Ghazaliyah at will.

Police, meanwhile, said children had been used as decoys in a weekend car bombing in which the driver gained permission to park in a busy Shiite shopping area after he pointed out he was leaving his children in the back seat.

The bomb was exploded with the children still in the car, police said, perhaps signaling a new tactic by insurgents who are seeking to foment all-out civil war between Shiites and

Sunnis.

A police commander in north Baghdad's Shaab neighborhood speculated the youngsters were kidnap victims. He and other police officers who reported the incident spoke on condition of anonymity, saying they were not authorized to release the information to reporters.

The accounts appeared to confirm one given Tuesday in Washington by Maj. Gen. Michael Barbero, deputy director for regional operations on the Joint Staff.

Barbero said a car used in a Sunday bombing had been waved through a U.S. checkpoint because soldiers saw youngsters in the back. He called it a brutal tactic by insurgents seeking to battle the security crackdown in Baghdad.



LUIS BENAVIDES | AP PHOTO

STRUGGLES: The body of Bernardo Cifuentes is removed by rescue workers after a landslide in Bello near of Medellin, about 160 miles northwest of Bogota, Colombia.

Rain causes landslides, takes lives and homes in Pakistan

UZAFFARABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Heavy rains triggered landslides that buried three homes in Pakistan's portion of Kashmir, leaving 31 people dead, officials said yesterday.

At least 21 people died when a landslide hit two homes Tuesday in Doba Sayedan, a remote village in the mountainous Himalayan territory, said Maj. Farooq Nasir, an army spokesman in the regional capital, Muzaffarabad.

Ten family members died when their home collapsed under a landslide in Bagh, a town further south, police officer Mohammed Liaquat said.

Villagers had pulled 15 injured people from the rubble in Doba Sayedan and were digging for seven others feared trapped under the debris, officials said.

The villages lie in the vast swath of mountains devastat-

ed by an earthquake in 2005 that killed more than 80,000 people and displaced more than 3 million others, most of whom are still living in temporary shelters. It was unclear if that included those affected in Tuesday's landslides.

The magnitude-7.6 quake destabilized many of the steep valley-sides, making them more vulnerable to landslides in weather such as the torrential rains that broke over northern Pakistan on Monday and continued on Wednesday.

Liaquat said a police rescue team left Tuesday for Doba Sayedan, but had been held up by other landslides blocking the road.

Army troops were heading to the area on foot and the military would send a helicopter to evacuate the injured if the weather improved, Nasir said.

WORLD BRIEFS

BIG-NEWS WIRE SOURCES

Iran warns it may ignore nuclear rules

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's supreme leader said yesterday that Tehran will pursue nuclear activities outside international regulations if the U.N. Security Council insists it stop uranium enrichment. "Until today, what we have done has been in accordance with international regulations," Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said. "But if they take illegal actions, we too can take illegal actions and will do so." Khamenei did not elaborate on what "illegal actions" could be pursued by Tehran, which faces new Security Council sanctions over its refusal to halt enrichment.

Palestine takes step in break from Israel policy

JERUSALEM (AP) — The United States made its first contact with the new Hamas-Fatah coalition Tuesday, ending a yearlong diplomatic boycott of the Palestinian government.

The meeting between a U.S. diplomat and the Palestinian finance minister signaled a break in policy between Israel and its closest ally, and could mark a significant step toward ending a painful aid cutoff to the Palestinian government.

Jacob Wallis, the U.S. consul in Jerusalem, made a six-mile drive to the West Bank city of Ramallah, where he met with Salam Fayyad, an internationally respected economist and political independent.

Former vice president of Hussein's executed

BAGHDAD (AP) — Saddam Hussein's former deputy, hanged before dawn in what was once Iraq's military intelligence headquarters, was buried Tuesday near the ousted dictator who died on the same gallows less than three months ago.

Taha Yassin Ramadan, who was Saddam's vice president, went to the gallows on the fourth anniversary of the start of the war in Iraq for the deaths of 148 Shiites in the town of Dujail.

Bassam al-Husseini, an adviser to Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, said the execution went smoothly, although Ramadan appeared frightened and recited the two shahadahs — a declaration of faith repeated by Muslims — "There is no God but Allah and Muhammad is his Prophet."

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New York City sues Ohio gun shop

NEW YORK (AP) — A gun shop in northeast Ohio and two others have settled a lawsuit accusing them of selling too many weapons that later fell into the hands of New York criminals, the city announced Tuesday.

Miller Rod & Gun in Youngstown, Ohio, and shops in Marietta, Ga., and North Myrtle Beach, S.C., were among 27 gun dealers sued by the city of New York last year as part of its unorthodox legal battle against the firearms industry.

City lawyers had argued that the shops failed to abide by rules aimed at preventing illegal sales known as straw purchases, when one person buys a weapon on behalf of someone else, usually someone who

can't legally own a gun.

To illustrate its case, the city sent private detectives to the stores to simulate straw purchases. The transactions were recorded.

Twelve of the sued dealers have now settled. Each of those shops agreed to allow a city-appointed inspector to monitor future sales and provide extra training to store personnel.

Managers and owners at the shops said financial considerations prompted their decision to settle.

"It was going to cost \$50,000 in attorney's fees," said Rick Morketter, manager of Dick's Pawn, of North Myrtle Beach. "We wanted to take the path of least resistance."

Melissa Paulette, co-owner of Hot Shots Jewelry & Pawn, of Marietta, said she had no problem opening her records or putting her clerks through extra training. But she added it was impossible for merchants to guess what customers intend to do with the weapons they buy.

"How can we possibly know? All we can do, as store owners, is follow the guidelines, make sure they have photo ID and that they fill out all the forms," she said.

Over eight years, the three stores involved in the settlement collectively sold 61 guns later seized by New York police in connection with crimes, according to the city's lawsuit.



TONY DEJAK | AP PHOTO

WAITING FOR JUSTICE: Sharon King, left, wipes a tear as Debi Heiss recounts the murder of her sister Tami Engstrom Jan. 8, 2007, in Warren, Ohio.

Murderer's execution put on hold while victim's family waits

By Erica Ryan
The Associated Press

LUCASVILLE, Ohio — A man condemned to death and the family of his victim waited more than six hours past his scheduled execution time Tuesday for the U.S. Supreme Court to decide whether his sentence should proceed, with the court finally deciding to block it.

Inmate Kenneth Biros, who killed a woman and scattered her remains across two states, waited for the decision in Ohio's death house. When told of the ruling, Biros' mother clasped his hands through the bars of his cell and he thanked God, said defense attorney John P. Parker.

Afterward, prisons director Terry Collins said the execution would not happen Tuesday.

The execution team had waited in a holding pattern while the court decided, ready to administer the lethal injection if the court granted the state's request to go ahead with the execution.

The state stopped preparations and planned to move Biros out of the death house shortly after the Supreme Court ruling was announced, Collins said.

The justices' one-sentence decision agreed with two lower courts that had ruled to delay the execution, including the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that refused earlier Tuesday to allow a hearing before the full court to consider a state appeal.

Biros, 48, acknowledged that he killed Tami Engstrom, 22, in 1991, but he said he did it during a drunken rage.

They met after work at a tavern in Masury in northeast Ohio. Police believed she fled his advances, perhaps ran from his car and fell or was

struck or strangled when Biros tried to quiet her. An autopsy found several beating and stab wounds before her death, and the coroner said she was stabbed five times immediately afterward and dismembered within minutes.

A search based on Biros' information led to body parts that had been buried, and some dug up and reburied, near Masury and in adjacent areas in northwest Pennsylvania. Her head, right breast and right leg had been severed, intestines were found in a swampy area in Ohio, a leg was broken over a railroad track, the torso was found in rural Pennsylvania and part of a liver was found in the trunk of Biros' car.

The death sentence should have been called off after the scheduled 10 a.m. execution time, instead of making Biros and his family wait in limbo for hours, defense attorney Timothy Sweeney said after the Supreme Court's ruling.

"To put these poor people through that is just not right," he said.

Prisons spokeswoman Andrea Dean said the state had to wait for a court ruling or for the warrant allowing Biros' execution to expire at midnight.

Biros' other lawyer told him about the ruling. Two relatives were with him at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility in Lucasville, but Dean did not know what his reaction was.

Engstrom's sister, Debi Heiss, 41, of Hubbard, told The Herald in Sharon, Pa., that members of her family who spent most of Tuesday waiting for the execution in a hotel near the prison, were furious.

"We just want it to end," she said. "We want to get on with our lives, we want to close the chapter."

STATE BRIEFS

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Concerns over clean air Ohio E-Check

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Gov. Ted Strickland's budget proposal includes money to continue Ohio's E-Check auto emission testing program in seven north-east Ohio counties for another two years.

The program, reviled by many drivers and their representatives at the Statehouse, expired in southwest Ohio in 2005, but had been extended in the Cleveland and Akron areas through the end of this year in order to address ongoing federal clean air concerns.

Smoking Ban Issues continue in Ohio

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The state Health Department reversed course yesterday by adopting rules for the state's new indoor smoking ban that would allow people to light up at some veterans' halls and other private clubs.

After complaints from veterans' groups and others, the Health Department said clubs that only have members as employees could allow smoking.

The agency previously applied the ban to the clubs to protect employees from second-hand smoke.

The ban that voters passed in November applies to locations outside the home, except for tobacco shops, designated hotel rooms and enclosed areas of nursing homes.

Trench near house collapses on worker

REMINDERVILLE, Ohio (AP) — A 10-foot deep trench next to a house collapsed in this northeast Ohio town, trapping a construction worker in mud up to his waist for more than two hours, authorities said.

Workers pulled the 51-year-old man from the trench and prepared to have him taken to a hospital, said police dispatcher Kathy Buck.

The man had been breathing on his own when he was trapped, but it was labored, she said. His condition was not immediately available.

Politicians defy resignation demand

CLEVELAND (AP) — One of four elections board members from the state's most populous county agreed to quit yesterday but the others defied a resignation demand by Ohio's chief election officer over persistent voting problems.

Edward C. Coaxum Jr., a Democrat, said he would resign from the Cuyahoga County board in compliance with Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner's demand.

Republicans Robert Bennett, the board chairman and head of the GOP in Ohio, and Sally Florkiewicz said at a board meeting that they wouldn't resign. Democrat Loree K. Soggs didn't address his tenure but didn't back off his stated determination to stay.



MADALYN RUGGIERO | AP PHOTO

IN 'CUFFS: Shown through a fence, Khaleel Ahmed, 26, of Chicago, center, is led out of the Federal Courthouse in Toledo by a federal agent and accompanied by an attorney at right Tuesday, after pleading not guilty to charges that he plotted with three men from Ohio.

Man pleads 'not guilty' to conspiracy

By John Seewer
The Associated Press

TOLEDO, Ohio — A Chicago man pleaded not guilty yesterday to charges that he plotted with three men from Ohio to recruit and train terrorists to attack U.S. and allied troops overseas.

Khaleel Ahmed, 26, of Chicago, was arraigned in U.S. District Court.

He and his cousin, Zubair A. Ahmed, 27, of suburban North Chicago, were arrested Feb. 21 on federal charges of conspiring to kill Americans overseas. Both men are U.S. citizens.

Prosecutors said, between June 2004 and February 2006, the cousins and the other three men — Mohammad Zaki Amawi, Marwan Othman El-Hindi, and Wassim I. Mazloum — conspired to "kill or maim persons in locations outside of the United States, to including U.S. armed forces personnel serving in Iraq."

The conspiracy allegedly

included finding recruits to commit terrorist acts and seeking out sites for training in firearms, hand-to-hand combat and the use of explosives, according to the indictment. The men also allegedly agreed to raise funds for training and download Internet information on improvised explosive devices.

Prosecutors said that in 2004 the cousins met with El-Hindi and a former U.S. military man who federal prosecutors say helped foil the alleged plot.

They met at a Muslim convention in Cleveland and talked about sniper tactics, counter-surveillance techniques and the use of heavy machine guns.

Ahmed, wearing a brown prison jumpsuit on yesterday, spoke briefly during the hearing, saying he had not yet read the indictment. His attorney, Brian Sieve, said he had explained the charges to his client.

Sieve said after the hearing

that he has not received any additional information from the government about why Ahmed was charged.

Ahmed, through his attorney, asked to be released on electronic monitoring and home confinement because he has no prior convictions. Another hearing on the request was set for April 9.

Sieve told Judge James Carr that Ahmed wasn't a flight risk, noting that he hasn't been in any trouble over the two years since prosecutors allege he met with the others about the plot.

"We've gone more than two years with him living a law-abiding life in Chicago with no problems," Sieve said.

The three Ohio men all from the Toledo area were charged in February 2006. All three have pleaded not guilty.

The five men face a maximum penalty of life in prison if convicted of conspiring to kill Americans overseas, according to federal prosecutors.

Activists work to keep Plan B in store

By Doug Gross
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Two weeks after Kroger Co. said it was clarifying its policy on stocking the so-called "morning after" pill, activists say dozens of stores continue to place barriers on buying the emergency contraceptive.

Representatives of NARAL Pro-Choice America, an abortion-rights group that also works on other reproductive health

issues, sent a letter to Kroger officials Wednesday asking them to carry the drug at all of their pharmacies.

Ted Miller, communications director for the group, said members called 231 Kroger-run pharmacies across the country and found that 21 percent of the stores did not make the drug immediately available.

"Accommodating the customer, in Kroger's mind, means that pharmacists can say, 'I won't give

it to you, but you can go down the road or go to another place,'" Miller said.

Meanwhile, a Kroger spokeswoman said the Cincinnati-based chain does stock the drug at all of its locations and blamed the confusion on employees who did not understand the company's policies.

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A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE: University of Puget Sound student Evan K. Thomas gets a laugh for his drag queen halloween costume at the end of a B-GLAD meeting at UPS. UPS focuses on providing students a chance to learn about different backgrounds.

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COLLEGE

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new ... and that level doesn't happen unless the administration of the school is supportive."

At UPS, "we're looking for a campus community that is as broadly representative of different backgrounds and views as possible, and that's what diversity is," said George Mills, vice president for enrollment.

"Any good college campus should bring together students from different and varied backgrounds and who express and espouse different points of view," Mills said.

And other schools have taken notice: In the last few years, The Evergreen State College and Tacoma Community College, among others, have asked UPS for advice in creating a similarly gay-friendly atmosphere on their campuses.

USUAL PROGRAMS — AND MORE

Like many colleges and universities, UPS offers a gender studies program, hosts speakers who talk about gay and lesbian political and social issues, and has a student group,

Bisexuals, Gays, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity, or B-GLAD.

The university also has a nondiscrimination policy that includes protections for both gay and transgender students and staff, student-run "Queer 101" panels that allow students to ask their peers questions about sexuality, a Lesbians, Gay, Bisexuals and Transgendered leadership scholarship and a "lavender graduation" celebration for gay students and allies.

There are also pink triangle "Safe Zone" stickers posted on classroom and dorm room doors alike, as a sign of support.

But creating an environment that welcomes and supports gay students goes beyond policy-making and educational offerings, Dean of Students Jean Kim said: "You don't make significant progress in a short amount of time."

Over the past two decades, an attitude of acceptance translates to a more conscious environment. For example, McCullough said her professors often refer to their husbands or wives as "partners," in deference to gay students and staff who might never have the opportunity to legally marry.

"You wouldn't even think of it as meaning that much, but my emotional experience is that it really does make a difference," McCullough said.

She and other gay students say they haven't been subjected to intolerance directly, such as discrimination based on their sexuality or students making gay slurs and jokes.

McCullough said she feels comfortable holding hands with her girlfriend on campus, talking about her in public and representing lesbian perspectives in classroom discussions.

Those same sentiments were echoed by other gay students.

Sexual orientation "is not ever something UPS students seem to get worked up about," said Clay Harmon, a senior who is gay.

Attitudes from some straight students seem to back up Harmon's feelings.

"We have a gay couple in our dorm. Everyone sees them as like the best couple — they're so cute and they never fight," said William Bushyhead, a 20-year-old sophomore.

He said the guys in the dorm said if the two broke up "that would be the worst thing ever."

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in some of the city's most depressed neighborhoods.

A related nonprofit will get an additional \$10 million from Gates for scholarships.

"Most of these kids don't believe they can afford to go to college and don't focus on the educational curricula that will get them to college," said Herb Tillery, a former D.C. deputy mayor who will run the branch of the foundation there. "We are hoping to provide a catalyst for the overall transformation of these schools."

The foundation already helped spawn a \$20 million independently funded program in Arizona two years ago. And

Craves has his sights set on other markets: Atlanta, Chicago and California, for a start.

He believes the template created in this state is proving so powerful that the foundation can expand in much the same way as a company that sells mayonnaise by the gallon.

"The thing that keeps me going is that it always gets back to the kids," Craves said. "They don't want to go to jail. They don't want to be not successful. They want to be educated and they want to have a successful life."

The College Success Foundation began as the Washington Education Foundation in 2000 but changed its name last fall to avoid confusion with similarly named groups and to reflect its new national mission.

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WOMEN'S B-BALL

Come help send off the Falcons to Greensboro, N.C.

Help send the BG women's basketball team to the Sweet 16 in style. The Falcons will leave Anderson Arena this afternoon and fans are invited to be there as the team leaves for the NCAA Championships. The bus will pull out at approximately 2:15 p.m., from the north end of Anderson Arena, with fans and well-wishers invited to gather at 2 p.m.

OUR CALL

On the way up

Women's parity: There was a time when an upset in the women's bracket was about as common as Tim Hardaway at a Gay Pride parade, but the tables have turned this year, led by BG and unlikely Marist [below].



On the way down

Men's parity: This was supposed to be the great year of upsets, and what have we seen? Nothing. There's really no such thing as a bad NCAA Tournament, but a few more upsets would be nice.



The List

This year wasn't one for the Cinderellas in the Men's NCAA Tournament, so to remember the magic, we give you our top five Cinderellas of all time:

1. N.C. State '83:

No. 6 seed went all the way and beat Clyde Drexler and Hakeem the Dream of Houston.

2. Villanova '85:

No. 8 seed went all the way after beating Georgetown despite being double-digit underdogs.

3. Penn '79:

No. 9 seed made it all the way to the Final Four before losing to Magic and the eventual champion Spartans.

4. George Mason '06:

No. 11 seed in the Final Four beat the likes of Tom Izzo, Roy Williams and Jim Calhoun to get there.

5. USC '80:

Even though they had Larry Brown as their head coach and Kiki Vandeweghe was their star, they were a Cinderella as a No. 8 seed in the finals.



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LEFT: Amber Flynn (left) is fouled while going for a lay-up by Jessica Mooney in Tuesday night's win over Vanderbilt at the Breslin Center in East Lansing, Mich.

TOP: Ali Mann (right) dribbled past Vanderbilt's Caroline Williams.

BOTTOM: Carin Horne (right) elevates to shoot.

Playing another day

Falcons' seniors strive for wins to extend their magical season

By Colin Wilson
Assistant Sports Editor

Good defense, stellar execution and great coaching may be the reason BG wins basketball games, but there is another thing that is pushing them even harder.

Five players on the floor and one on the bench extend their basketball careers by another game with every victory.

"We're just trying to hold onto each other as long as we

can," said senior forward Liz Honegger.

The Falcons seemed as though they were headed home early when they fell down 26-12 to Oklahoma State Sunday at the 9:57 mark of the first half. They battled back and took the lead for good at the 1:53 mark. Honegger's three second half 3s keyed the long, patient comeback.

The Falcons' second round game against Vanderbilt showed the same kind of

urgency right from the opening tip. They jumped out to a 37-24 lead at halftime, and despite a late push by the Commodores, BG found a way to win. They wanted to keep playing.

"I've never ever experienced anything like this," said forward Amber Flynn, who scored 19 points in Tuesday's game. "I wouldn't trade this for the world."

Their coach is even more excited to coach them for another day. You can't really

blame him for enjoying a class that has scored a combined 5,754 points.

"I wish I could bottle them — I wish I could coach them forever," said BG coach Curt Miller. "I'm going to enjoy every single moment I have left with them."

The class has enjoyed great success together. They just finished a Mid-American Conference three-peat in the

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Taking nine for the team: Falcons earn win despite bruises

By Bill Bordewick
Reporter

To say Grizzly pitchers had control problems in yesterday's 10-2 loss to the Falcons would be an understatement. They were downright wild.

Nine Falcon batters were hit by pitches and three others walked. The nine hit batsmen for the Falcons were one shy of the NCAA record of 10 and were also the most hits batsmen in any game since 2002.

"With all the runs we've given away the last couple games, we got them all back today," University coach Danny Schmitz said.

With the Falcons trailing by one in the bottom of the third inning, the Grizzlies replaced starting pitcher Scott Boleski with Kevin Kearcher. Kearcher had control problems and the Falcons took advantage.

After Logan Meisler lined out



RYAN EVANS | THE BG NEWS

GET BACK: Robbie Moffett (right) for BG slides head first into first base to avoid a pickoff attempt by Youngstown State.

to center, Marty Baird was hit by a pitch. Baird advanced to second after Jeff Telmanik was hit by a pitch. The bases were loaded after Josh Dietz walked.

Kurt Wells got a hard earned RBI after being hit by a pitch. Dennis Vaughn earned an RBI after walking and Andrew Foster plated the third Falcon run by being hit by a pitch.

After Vaughn walked, Kearcher was replaced after not giving up a hit but hitting four batters and walking two others en route to three runs.

"Seemed like [their pitchers] just couldn't find the strike zone," Baird said. "Pitchers have those kinds of days."

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Nowitzki, Mavericks too much for Cavaliers

By Joe Milicia
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Dirk Nowitzki and LeBron James struggled. Fortunately for Nowitzki, the rest of the Dallas Mavericks outplayed James' teammates.

Nowitzki scored 23 points and Jason Terry added 21 to help the Mavericks beat the Cleveland Cavaliers for the second time this month, 98-90 Wednesday night.

"That's why we are a great team, because other guys stepped up when we needed them," said Nowitzki, who added nine rebounds and six assists.

The Mavericks, who have the NBA's best record at 56-11, have won four straight and are 3-0 on a six-game road trip that's included victories over Detroit and New York.

The Mavs controlled the game for all but the first quarter, making the Cavaliers look inept and



TONY DEJAK | THE BG NEWS

TOUGH ONE: Cavaliers' LeBron James wipes his face in the final seconds of the Cavaliers' 98-90 loss to the Mavericks.

one-dimensional offensively on their own court.

James had a tough night shooting and got roughed up

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BG's success begins with its coach



JOHN TURNER
SPORTS EDITOR

By John Turner
Sports Editor

After six seasons of diverting the spotlight to his players and assistant coaches, BG coach Curt Miller is the center of attention in women's college basketball these days. With all of the interest he's garnering it's hard to say whether Miller will be back to coach next season, but there are some times when it's more important to enjoy the present than to worry about the future. This is one of those times.

The Falcons are breaking record after record, earning national respect and creating a certain buzz around campus that I've never before experienced. Every class I've had this week has started out with the professor saying, "So how about those Falcons?" Women's basketball isn't supposed to generate this kind of interest, is it?

Thanks to Miller, it is.

Within a few seasons of taking over, Miller turned a downtrodden program around and into a conference contender. Over the last three seasons he's commanded a hoops juggernaut: 82-14 overall, 44-4 in the Mid-American Conference, three MAC titles and two (and counting) NCAA Tournament wins. Quietly, and without boasting, he's collected a trio of Coach of the Year awards in the process.

Still, it's hard to quantify the impact Miller has had on this campus. Virtues like pride, community and dedication are seeping from his teams' attitudes and actions. In response, thousands of fans flocked to East Lansing this past weekend, outnumbering opponents' fans at least 10-to-1 in each game, exhibiting similar qualities. There's just a different sort of mentality growing popular around here, and it's Miller who planted the seed.

From the beginning, Miller has done things the right way by recruiting only those he felt would enhance the locker room environment, not detract from it. Along the way, he's picked up players others may have looked over and helped to shape them into successful student-athletes.

Miller will tell you he could never have done it alone, and he is right. Joined by Miller are Jennifer Roos, Brandi Poole and Kevin Eckert, all of which have been here at least five years and have been instrumental in recruiting the current cast of players.

BG senior Carin Horne said it best.

"Our coaches are excellent at

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Koufas, Diebler focal points in Ohio semis

By Rusty Miller
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Cincinnati St. Xavier coach Scott Martin and his staff have been preparing for this week's state semifinal showdown against Canton GlenOak and its 7-foot-2 star, Kosta Koufos.

It hasn't been easy. "One of my assistants got on YouTube and they had a highlight film of him," Martin said. "After about 2 minutes he realized it wasn't a highlight film — it was just one game."

Koufos is just one of the big names from stellar teams making highlights at the 85th state boys basketball tournament at Ohio State's Value City Arena this weekend. The Buckeyes, of course, will be busy elsewhere. Plenty of future Buckeyes, though, will be on display.

In addition to Koufos, The Associated Press player of the year in Division I, future teammate Jon Diebler of Upper Sandusky, the Division II honoree, will be in action.

There is a lot of buzz in other divisions, with defending champion Cincinnati North College Hill back in Division III — even though it no longer has departed superstars O.J. Mayo and Bill Walker. Mayo returned for his senior season to his native Huntington, W.Va., taking with him the last two Ohio AP Mr. Basketball awards. Walker moved on to Kansas State, where he missed most of the season with an injury.

Regular-season poll champions Lakewood St. Edward in Division I and Findlay Liberty-Benton in III also are on hand in what some consider a classic tournament field.

"It's going to be a great tournament for the fans," said Upper Sandusky coach Keith Diebler, Jon's dad, who guided the Rams to the Division II title two years ago. "They're going to get to see some great players. Along with that, I think people are going to realize that there are some players around these players."

It all starts with Liberty-Benton (25-0) meeting Cleveland Villa Angela-St. Joseph (18-7) in the opener on Thursday morning, followed by two-time defending champion North College Hill (15-7) against Wheelersburg (23-2) in the second D3 semi. VASJ lost in the finals a year ago and Wheelersburg is back in the semis for the second year in a row.

"It helps a little bit with maybe trying to keep the distractions down to a minimum,"

Wheelersburg coach Tom Barrick said of the return trip. "As far as the game itself, once it's tipped off it has very little impact on it."

Next comes the Division II semis, with Columbus DeSales (22-3) — led by two sons of former Ohio State and NBA standout Clark Kellogg — taking on defending champion Dayton Dunbar (22-4). The Dieblers and Upper Sandusky (22-3) then meet Poland Seminary (22-3) in Thursday's nightcap.

Jon Diebler has more than 3,000 points in his career, shattering the previous state record held by Jay Burson late in the season. The Rams — Diebler in particular — have been in the spotlight most of the season, so it's no big deal to be a focal point again in the state's final four.

"We've handled it extremely well and all these distractions have been something that we haven't dwelled on as a team," the 6-7 senior said.

He sustained a gruesome broken nose last week in the regional finals and will most likely wear a clear facemask a la Richard Hamilton.

"What an amazing player," Poland Seminary coach Ken Grisdale said. "I've had the opportunity to watch him a couple times on TV and we had scouts the other day in Toledo. They just say he's the show."

Friday's Division IV semifinals kick off with Holgate (17-8) against Columbus Harvest Prep (22-0) and Georgetown (26-0) meeting Berlin Hiland (22-4), setting the stage for the big schools.

GlenOak (24-3) takes on Cincinnati St. Xavier (21-5) in the first game of the evening session, with Cincinnati Moeller (23-2) testing Lakewood St. Edward (25-0) in the nightcap.

St. X and Moe are members of the mighty Greater Cincinnati League — a league that seems to churn out state contenders. Moeller won both regular-season meetings, but lost to the Bombers in the 2005 state championship game.

GlenOak is making its first trip to the states, but will be a focal point because of Koufos, who many have compared to the Dallas Mavericks' Dirk Nowitzki — a big guy who doesn't know he's a big guy.

"Offensively, he's really dangerous," said his coach, Jack Greynolds Jr., who was 10 when his dad coached Barborton, led by Carter Scott, to the 1976 state title. "He can knock down 3s when he trails on a break. We can pop him out for 3s. We can pop him out to the high post to shoot. He can go down on the post."

Tennessee coach won't just focus on Oden

By Jaime Aron
The Associated Press



JAMES CRISP / AP PHOTO

TOUGH TO STOP: Ohio State center Greg Oden, left, shoots over Xavier's Josh Duncan during the first half of a second-round basketball game.

SAN ANTONIO — Tennessee's Bruce Pearl is far too good a talker to frame his team's upcoming game against Ohio State in worn-out coachspeak.

So when he essentially says, "it's not Greg Oden, it's the rest of the Buckeyes" that he's focused on containing Thursday night, at least give him the benefit of the doubt and listen to his explanation.

Start with the background. The Volunteers faced Ohio State in Oden's 10th game of the season, back in January, when Oden was adjusting to the college game and still wearing a brace on the surgically repaired right wrist that delayed the start of his college career.

Those things were supposed to be holding him down. Instead, he had his first monster game: 24 points, 15 rebounds, perfect from the foul line (6-for-6), four assists, three blocks and a steal in 36 minutes.

Yet the Buckeyes, playing at home, still needed what was then a career-high in points from freshman point guard Mike Conley and a 3-pointer from Ron Lewis with 11.2 seconds left to beat the Volunteers 68-66.

Ohio State (32-3) hasn't lost since, a run of 19 in a row it takes into a semifinal against Tennessee (24-10) in the NCAA tournament's South Regional.

Pearl spent this week studying his team's near-miss in Columbus and most of the other 18 games in the Buckeyes' run. After concluding there's no stopping Oden — "He's unlike anybody I've ever gone up against," Pearl said — he set his sights on everyone else wearing red and white.

And the part that scares him the most?

"They've not broken out yet," Pearl said. "They've not had that breakout game that we all know they're capable of."

Buckeyes coach Thad Matta was flattered by the notion his top-seeded team has gotten within four wins of a national championship by merely grinding out games.

However, he agrees that his team can do whatever it takes to win, as opposed to being a juggernaut that goes out and does things its way, daring others to stop it.

"The thing I love about this team is we've shown that we can play a lot of different ways," Matta said, listing a few examples — not including the overtime win against Xavier in the second round that kept Ohio State in the tournament. "So I hope he's right and tomorrow night is a big breakout game for us."

The last time these teams met, Pearl threw a full-court press at

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Tiger on the prowl for a double-defense

By Doug Ferguson
The Associated Press

MIAMI — Not even Tiger Woods was sure how he would introduce himself on the first tee at Doral, only that the words "defending champion" would be appropriate in some capacity.

But defending champion of what?

Or is it where? Woods has won the last two years on the Blue Monster, beating Phil Mickelson in a terrific duel in 2005, then holding off David Toms to win by one

"Multiple defending champion? Have I ever done that? I don't know. Go look it up."

Tiger Woods | Golfer

shot the following season. Both those victories came at regular PGA Tour events featuring a 144-man field.

Now this is called the CA Championship, and it's a World Golf Championship with a 73-man field.

It used to be known as the American Express Championship, and Woods has won that tournament the last

two years, too. He beat John Daly in a playoff at Harding Park in 2005, then blew away his alleged competition at The Grove outside London last fall to win by eight.

"Multiple defending champion?" Woods asked as he walked out the door. "Have I ever done that? I don't know. Go look it up."

No matter how anyone looks

at it, he figures to be a strong favorite when the tournament begins Thursday. The debate is whether his advantage stems from being at Doral or being at a World Golf Championship.

Woods practically owns the WGC events, especially this format that invites the top 50 in the world ranking and leading money winners from the six major tours around the world.

The CA Championship, name change notwithstanding, is one of three tournaments he has won five times. The oth-

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what they do," Horne said. "I couldn't even think of a better job they could do."

BG is now in the Sweet 16 because there are few coaches in the country, men or women,

better at preparing their team for its opponent than Miller. While every player put forth an admirable effort Tuesday night against Vanderbilt, there is no way the Falcons are still playing basketball without Miller as their head coach. He outsmarted and out-scouted the Commodores, leaving them

frustrated and speechless by game's end.

"We always feel like we're one of the best-prepared teams night in and night out," said BG senior Liz Honegger. "It's given us a great advantage knowing what the other team's going to do."

After this team's magical

run is through, Miller's phone will be ringing. He'll be offered money he likely thought he'd never be able to make coaching women's basketball and then he'll have a decision to make.

None of this matters to me right now though, because I'm too busy enjoying the fruits of a season six years in the making.

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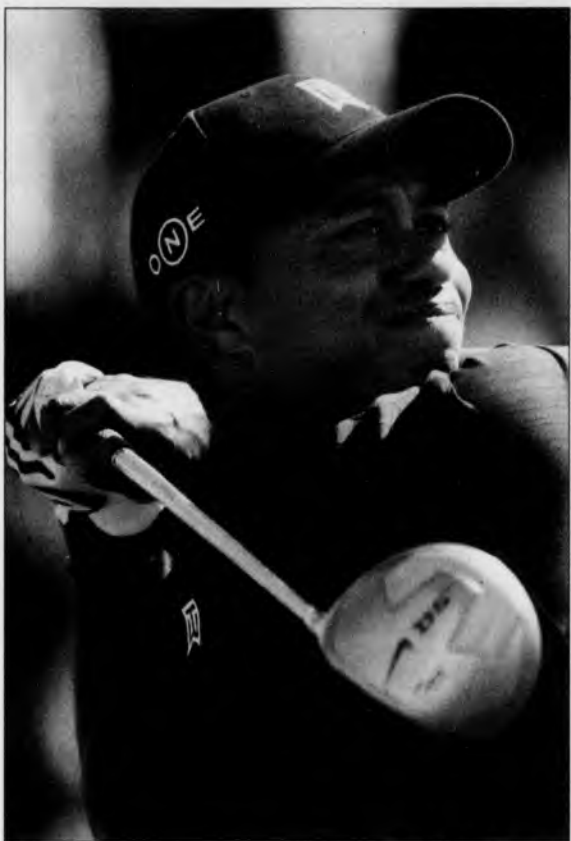
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SWINGING STRONG: Tiger Woods follows through with his tee shot on the fourth hole during his second round match against Tim Clark at the World Golf Championships.

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ers are the Buick Invitational at Torrey Pines and the Bridgestone Invitational at Firestone.

What makes this one more unique is he has won on five courses in four countries — Valderrama in Spain (1999), Mount Juliet in Ireland (2002), Capital City Club in Atlanta (2003), Harding Park and The Grove.

Why so much success?

"I don't know. He just plays well at them, I guess," Sergio Garcia said. "You ask him and let me know."

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the Buckeyes and rattled them into 20 turnovers, about twice their average in the Oden era.

Ohio State has fixed that flaw, making Pearl wish he hadn't exposed it so long ago.

"We played our cards, we showed our hand," he said. "We're a tough matchup the first time. So I don't know that our game in Columbus is really necessarily going to help us much here."

Perhaps the worst news for the

It helps to have fewer players to beat. Only 73 players have qualified this week, and some of them — Pram Meesawat of Thailand and Anton Haig of South Africa — are making their U.S. debut in professional golf.

But if that were the case, it would be easier on everybody.

"Usually, that's how many are here once they make a cut," Toms said.

No doubt, the tournament is different this year. Doral usually leads off the Florida Swing, and this year it's in the clean-up spot. Instead of players just starting to think about the Masters, the first major is right around the corner.

Vols is that Oden feels like he let the Buckeyes down in their last game, when he knocked over a Xavier player, sending him to the foul line with 10 seconds left for two shots that could've won it. Oden also fouled out for the first time on that play, which kept him on the bench in overtime.

"I was a little down on myself, but these last couple of days I've been working on my game, hitting shots, hitting free throws," Oden said. "I hope things will be better for me."

Also looking for a happier ending is Tennessee's leading scorer Chris Lofton, who missed a cru-

No conclusive evidence in death of cricket coach

By Howard Campbell
The Associated Press

KINGSTON, Jamaica — Forensic experts searched for evidence Wednesday in the hotel room where Pakistan's cricket coach died under what police called "suspicious" circumstances, but authorities said they had reached no conclusions about the case.

As the forensics team completed its work, investigators awaited the pathologist's findings on what killed Bob Woolmer, whose body was found a day after his team was upset by Ireland in the Cricket World Cup.

"There is no evidence it's a homicide but we're waiting

for further information from the pathologist before we make any more statements," Deputy Police Commissioner Mark Shields told The Associated Press.

Woolmer, who was 58 and lived in South Africa, was found unconscious in his Kingston hotel room on Sunday morning and pronounced dead at a local hospital. The previous day, Pakistan was stunned by Ireland in a St. Patrick's Day victory that assured Pakistan's early ouster from the World Cup, which is being played in the Caribbean.

A Pakistan team official said there was blood and vomit in the room and Woolmer was found by hotel staff on the floor with his mouth wide open.

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as well. He finished with 31 points but was 12-for-28 shooting as he single-handedly tried to put his team back in it.

"Our defense won the game," Nowitzki said. "LeBron is a great player and will always get his numbers, but we were making him take some tough shots."

As if James' night wasn't hard enough, he banged his head on the floor after getting spun around by Josh Howard while going for a loose ball. He was slow to get up but stayed in the game.

James also took an elbow from Nowitzki with 1:39 left and fell to the floor.

"I'm definitely not feeling 100 percent," James said. "I took two dangerous hits today."

Devin Harris scored 17 points with six assists, punish-

ing the Cavaliers every time they tried to get something going. Erick Dampier scored 13 with nine rebounds.

"This team is not going to win 50-plus games with just Josh Howard and Dirk Nowitzki," James said. "They have great players in Devin Harris, (Jerry) Stackhouse and J.T., and their bigs are very active."

James finally got in a groove early in the fourth quarter, scoring 11 straight on a 3-point and a series of drives to get within six.

The Cavaliers got their only bench points when Donyell Marshall hit a 3-pointer with 5:10 left in the fourth to make it 86-80. But Nowitzki responded with a 3-pointer, then a jumper to deflate the crowd and the Cavaliers' comeback.

James said before the game that he gets energized for Western Conference teams because the East doesn't get enough respect.

said the narrow loss to Ohio State "gives you confidence because you know you can compete."

Another confidence-booster for Bradshaw is that the Vols weren't at their best last time around, missing junior guard Jordan Howell and at the front end of a 2-6 tailspin at the time.

"As close as we played Ohio State, we had a number of guys that didn't play their best individual games," he said. "Hopefully we can put it all together and limit all their potential NBA players."

Pearl couldn't have said it better himself.

cial free throw in the previous game against Ohio State.

How crucial was it? Teammates have teasingly called him "Buckeye" ever since.

"It's a joke," he said. "And they tease me a lot. But it's just for my own good."

Revenge isn't as important to Lofton as a chance to make the regional finals. The winner of this game will play the Texas A&M-Memphis winner on Saturday for a spot in the Final Four.

"This is the opportunity of a lifetime," Lofton said.

Teammate Dane Bradshaw

season to 10-8.

Even with the victory, the Falcons committed four errors on the day.

"We've just got to continue to be aggressive and hopefully get it straightened out by the weekend," Schmitz said. "At least we scored some runs and [the errors] didn't stick out like a sore thumb like they have the past few games."

The Falcons will start off the conference season by hosting Eastern Michigan over the weekend and both Schmitz and Baird were happy to pick up a victory before heading into conference play.

"There's no doubt about it, picking up a 'W' will hopefully help with everyone's confidence level," Schmitz said. "We need to be ready to go on Friday."

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SENIORS

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regular season and the tournament. This year marked their third straight NCAA Tournament berth.

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"They're awesome. They've made me a better player and a better person and I can't thank them [enough] for that," said BG point guard Kate Achter, who has played three years with the successful class. "I don't want to see them go. Playing with them is a completely different experience and I'm not ready for it to end."

The most impressive thing about BG's team is how close it is. No egos, no individ-

ual concerns, just love and teamwork.

"These girls are more than teammates, they're like my sisters," said senior Carin Horne. "To know that we're going to the Sweet 16 together, that's just a great feeling."

Waking up in the morning knowing they'll play another game together is definitely something that makes the seniors' day.

"It's good to know that I still do have something to go to today and that's basketball," Honegger said. "It was awesome, I don't really know what it's going to feel like when it's over."

After advancing to the second round in a tournament full of upsets, the Falcons have played good enough so far to control when it's over.

"Hopefully it's not for a while," Honegger said.

BASEBALL

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Kearcher was replaced by Kevin Berry. Berry was able to get the Grizzlies out of the inning but not before giving up an RBI single to Mike Barnard, which scored Kurt Wells and a sacrifice fly to Derek Spencer, which scored Vaughn.

The Falcons were able to plate five runs on just one hit in the inning because of the Grizzly wildness.

In the bottom of the fifth inning, Berry was replaced by Jake Arendsen and Arendsen followed the Grizzly theme of the day by having control problems.

Arendsen hit the first two batters of the inning, Wells and T.J. Blanton, before Foster sac-

rificed the two to second and third. Mike Barnard walked to load the bases and Derek Spencer followed that up by singling home Wells to plate the sixth Falcon run of the day, but Blanton was thrown out at the plate on the play.

Logan Meisler was hit by a pitch to load the bases and that ended Arendsen's afternoon.

Andrew Estes replaced Arendsen and Baird greeted him with a bases clearing triple to push the Falcon advantage to 9-2.

"Coach always says take advantage of their bad pitching — or their wildness," Baird said. "I just sat on that first pitch fastball to jump on after they brought in a new pitcher."

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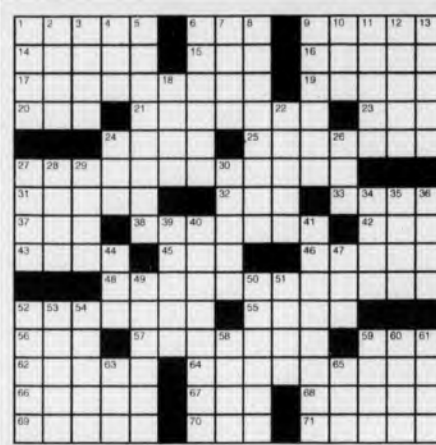
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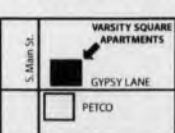
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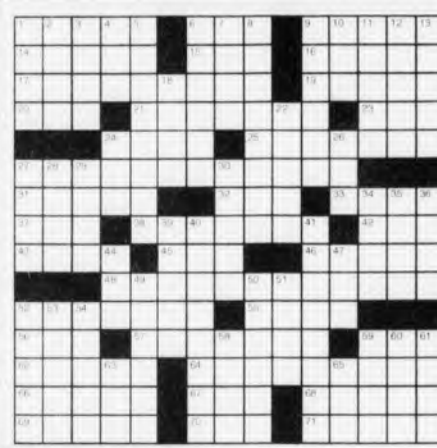
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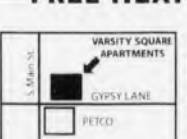
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CHELCI HOWARD
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Dance Marathon is literally days away! As Greeks campus-wide say in regards to the gynomous philanthropy, "Get Excited!"

There are also some other really amazing events coming up that are definitely worth a gander. Make sure that you are supporting your fellow Greek's philanthropies.

Also, March is the prime time to begin planning your Greek Week activities. This is the perfect time to practice Greek unity and have

insane amounts of mind boggling fun.

Also, Greek Week will create lasting memories that one day you might, or might not, tell your children. I think personally, I will neglect to mention the string of free tampons that were almost a permanent fixture to the Betas to any of my future offspring, but nonetheless, it was a blast!

As Greeks, it is important to support the Bowling Green community around us. Grab a few of your sisters or brothers and attend one of the many fabulous sporting events that the University has to offer in the upcoming months. The athletes represent our University day to day and do it marvelously!

For an updated schedule of Bowling Green Athletics, check out the athletics Web site at bgsufalcons.com. Go Falcons and congratulations to the Lady Falcons basketball team for commanding the court.

We should all be as proud of the University as we are of our chapters and our letters! Dawn your brown

and orange with pride! After all, we are all blessed to be Falcons!

March is also a crazy time for University politics. USG elections occur during the beginning of April.

As someone who was a Vice Presidential candidate last year, I cannot even begin to describe the grueling, yet incredibly rewarding experience it is to visit different organizations and hear their concerns.

Help the candidates out by doing your own homework! Visit the USG Web site when the platforms of the candidates are posted and express your concerns. Don't be afraid to ask questions! These students are running to be your student voice and make your college experience one to remember!

Good luck to all of the candidates and remember, you can technically survive on two hours of sleep every three days!

Early congratulations to everyone who made DM happen! For the kids!

In Greek Unity,
Chelci

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ONE DREAM, ONE HEART, THIS IS WHERE THE MIRACLES START

**GREEKS LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER DANCE
MARATHON EVENT, WHICH BENEFITS THE
CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK**

THERESA LUNGHOFER
REPORTER

As Dance Marathon 2007 approaches all those who are participating are working harder than ever preparing for the big event.

From creating banners to hanging in the houses to perfecting talent show performances, everyone involved is putting in long hours each day.

Michelle Mormile, a Delta Gamma DGR said, "Dance Marathon is one of the most rewarding things to do during the school year but it also takes a lot of time and effort on everyone's parts."

Mormile also commented on the pressure that participants are under to raise the minimum amount for the philanthropic event.

"The dancers need to raise a minimum of \$200 and moralers need to raise \$150, everyone is scrambling around to get their numbers in plus some," Mormile said.

Although preparing for the big event can cause some stress, it is important to remember that all Greeks are coming together for one common purpose, the Children's Miracle Network.

All of the hard work, long hours and stress preparing for the event will benefit children suffering from Muscular Dystrophy, Abuse, Birth Defects, Serious Burns, Cystic Fibrosis,

Accidents, AIDS and Cancer.

Last year, the 32-hour long marathon raised over \$173,000 that benefited Mercy Children's Hospital in Toledo.

Besides financial donations, participants also raise smiles on the faces of the miracle children by doing hospital visits and playing with them at the various Dance Marathon overalls that are held once a month during the months leading up to big event.

The Gavel would like to wish all of those participating in DM the best of luck.

Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to make this event happen; the bikers, dancers, moralers, DGR's, the steering committee and everyone else involved in this process.

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TRUE LIFE: I'm a chapter consultant

You think you know, but you have no idea!

COLLEEN VERBUS
REPORTER

Many sorority and fraternity members have traveling consultants visit them once or twice a year, just to check up on how they are doing in their chapter.

Some of these chapter development or leadership consultants are used to help colonize a chapter at a university that does not have that sorority or fraternity.

But what exactly is a traveling consultant?

Many national organizations will choose somewhere from five to ten consultants from all over the country to visit various sororities or fraternities and offer help for the next year.

After graduating from Appalachian State last May, Carey Mummaw, Kappa Delta Sorority, wanted to further her experiences with her sorority.

"I wanted to be a Chapter Development Consultant (CDC) for Kappa Delta Sorority for many reasons," Mummaw said. "First and foremost, I wanted to give back to Kappa Delta, because it has had such a wonderful impact on my life. I wanted to share my knowledge and experiences and help others to enjoy the benefits of sorority membership in Kappa Delta. Kappa Delta is an amazing organization to be a member of and to work for."

Eric Miller, Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, graduated from University of Tulsa and also wanted to give back to his fraternity with this experience.

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Life on the road has its challenges. However, there is nothing that I have not enjoyed. Every experiences is an opportunity to grow and learn. I appreciate all of the challenges that I have experienced as a consultant.

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CAREY MUMMAW
KAPPA DELTA CONSULTANT

"I wanted to form the experience with the consultants who came to my chapter," Miller said. "I knew that a position that I'd worked for something I loved and cared about. The training gave me a lot that I could have as a four year career."

Miller is currently working on an expansion project at the University of Minnesota.

The experience is a great one, but at the same time it can be challenging by being on the road.

"Life 'on the road' has its challenges," Mummaw said. "However, there is nothing that I have not enjoyed. Every experience is an opportunity to grow and learn. I appreciate all of the challenges I have experienced as a consultant."

Miller added, "It is challenging traveling and being

on the road and constantly moving. It's kind of challenging but at the same time you are comforted around people you're with. It is a once in a lifetime experience."

Mummaw has enjoyed her experience overall by meeting new people and helping them out.

"I have enjoyed meeting the diverse women that are members in Kappa Delta Sorority as well as in other sororities," she said. "Each campus is different and it is exciting to meet women across the country, that share a common bond. It is wonderful to work with collegiate women and see the impact that one person can have on so many."

Miller recommends being a traveling consultant to anyone.

"If you get this opportunity, definitely take up on it," he said."

THETA CHI SAYS GOODBYE AND CONCEDES

THERESA SCOTT
REPORTER

If you are Greek and reading The Gavel chances are you know how much your chapter means to you.

Whether you have been a member of the chapter for a few months or getting ready to graduate you probably made best friends, gone to some of the best socials and found a home away from home in your chapter. But what if your chapter had to concede?

Many of us cannot even imagine what we would do without our brothers or sisters by our side, but Michael Click, a six year brother of Theta Chi, knows exactly what it feels like to lose his chapter.

I met Click at Grounds for

Thought on a rainy Wednesday afternoon.

When we sat down to talk about Theta Chi he appeared reflective and thoughtful about the chapter and his years at BGSU.

As former Vice President of Theta Chi the fraternity has played an important in Click's life.

Aside from his involvement in Theta Chi he is also a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia and Kappa Kappa Psi.

Click has been a Theta Chi since his pledge at Ohio Northern University in December of 2000.

When he came to campus he saw the differences amongst Theta Chi of Ohio Northern and BG.

The shift from Ohio Northern to BG was "pretty big, in the sense that we were an actual chapter at Ohio Northern and we were just an interest group here."

When Theta Chi arrived on campus the chapter was given a two year time span to get the number of men needed to become a colonized chapter.

During recruitment period, 24 members became part of the chapter, however, the chapter did not have a house or a permanent place on campus.

Michael was elected vice president of Theta Chi in BG in fall of 2004.

When Theta Chi failed to retain the number of members needed to colonize.

Joe Locks, a member of Theta Chi's international headquarters, came to Bowling Green with the unfortunate news the chapter was shutting down.

Click traced the problems of BG's Theta Chi to number of different factors.

During Theta Chi's two year trail on campus he remembers it being "very difficult to get people involved on a campus this size with Greek life as large as it is."

He stressed the importance of recruitment in a chapter's success "just make sure you get your recruitment done. It's easier when you have more people, who can take more responsibility" he added that "we could have benefited from having someone

come in and show us how to recruit; I think that would have helped out a lot."

Click still keeps in close contact with some of his brothers from BG's Theta Chi.

While many of the men have gone on to join other campus fraternities, some stayed true to Theta Chi.

He describes of his brothers who "just fell in love with Theta Chi and it's ideals and what it meant and it's propose there was no way he could join another Greek organization."

Theta Chi and Delta Sigma Phi conceded their colonies last semester.

Delta Sigma Phi, was not available for contact.

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BLACK FRATERNITIES SAY FILM IS OUT OF STEP

JOHNATHON E. BRIGGS

MCT

CHICAGO—When Stan Fleming thinks about Alpha Phi Alpha, community service, not stepping, comes to mind.

Fleming, a member of the African-American fraternity, worries that a new movie downplays the civic deeds of black Greek life while playing up its most visible aspect: the syncopated stomps and claps known as stepping.

"My main fear is that people who don't know anything about black fraternities and sororities will think that all that we're about is putting on step shows," said Fleming, of Des Moines, Iowa. "For me, being an Alpha means being a role model."

Even before its nationwide release last week, "Stomp the Yard," the first

Hollywood depiction of black Greeks since Spike Lee's "School Daze," has stirred debate among the 1.5 million members of the country's nine black Greek organizations.

Most were founded during the early 20th Century at a time when lynching and

Jim Crow segregation stalled the social and political advancement of African-

Americans. And over the years, the organizations have nurtured a who's who of

Black America — from the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Jesse Jackson, to Rosa Parks and Mary McLeod Bethune.

A few black Greeks have called for a boycott of the film, arguing that it mocks the rich histories of the organizations by portraying them as glorified dance groups.

But many support the film due to its positive portrayal of black collegians and, in part, because its producers are black Greeks.

The film's plot centers on a rebellious college student who introduces street dancing into his fraternity's step show — highly choreographed performances in which the fraternities and sororities

do intricate, rhythmic dance steps in unison.

Step shows, a popular feature of black Greek life, are sometimes used as fundraisers or part of member initiations. During the routines, dancers simultaneously stomp, clap and slap their hands against their bodies to create a beat. At the same time, they boast about their fraternity or sorority.

Mark Anthony Neal, professor of black popular culture at Duke University, said that with so few mainstream images of black Greek life, it is understandable some members are sensitive about their portrayal.

"Most of mainstream America has no idea about black Greek organizations,"

Neal said. "This is a wonderful opportunity to talk about this particular legacy, but because this is a Hollywood film, it's never really going to get at the real history."

In 1906, a decade after the U.S. Supreme Court upheld separate but equal education, a tiny group of black men at Cornell University

created Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. to uplift one another.

"Secret societies such as fraternities and sororities provided students with housing, study groups and a social environment in which students could grow with others," author Lawrence Ross Jr. explains in "The Divine Nine," a history of black Greek organizations.

Alpha Phi Alpha became the first black Greek fraternity and eight similar groups followed: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority and Iota Phi Theta Fraternity.

Some scholars note that stepping — not to be confused with the dance that originated in Chicago — wasn't associated with black Greeks until about 1970, well after members made headlines for their leadership and service during the Great Depression, World Wars I and II and the civil rights movement.

Controversy over the film began in November, when Alpha Phi Alpha denounced it and threatened legal action against Sony Pictures for the unauthorized use of the fraternity's trademarked symbols.

The dispute was settled after symbols belonging to Alpha and other black Greek organizations were deleted from the film and Sony donated money toward the King memorial under construction on the National Mall in Washington.

"Our goal for this film is simply to make college life seem accessible to all," executive producer and Alpha Rob Hardy said. "In a society where the value and relevance of black colleges and black Greek letter organizations are under increased attack, the mainstream circulation of the types of images in our film can renew interest among our youth."

At a recent screening in Chicago, black Greeks gave the film favorable reviews but said that it shortchanged other aspects of



STOMP THE YARD: Many black fraternities feel that the movie, "Stomp The Yard," is not an accurate portrayal of life in the fraternity.

Greek life. For example, filmgoers noted that members of the fictitious frats are never shown doing community service. Others were pleased that it wasn't critical like Spike Lee's 1988 "School Daze," which ridiculed the social climbing and the hazing practices of black Greeks.

"Fraternities are not just about networking," said University of Illinois at Chicago student Xeryus Johnson, a member of Phi Beta Sigma. "It could have emphasized the brotherhood aspect more."

Wilson Harris, a member of Kappa Alpha Psi and owner of a black Greek paraphernalia store on Chicago's South Side, applauded the filmmakers for employing stepping as a gimmick to excite teens about education.

"How can you tell a kid to go to college when they see Puff Daddy in a limo?"

Harris said. But some even quibble with the film's high-energy depictions of

stepping, an art form with African roots.

Some say the film reflects the increasing evolution of stepping as the hip-hop generation joins black Greek organizations and infuses the dance with urban street moves. Others say the movie features more street dance than traditional stepping.

"It would be a travesty if our tradition of stepping on the yard became commercialized, if we stopped stepping and started 'dancing' simply because that's what sells tickets and wins step shows," said Andre Lundkvist, an Alpha in California.

Walter Kimbrough, author of "Black Greek 101," said the organizations should use the attention to educate the public about their social mission.

"Outside of (a hazing incident), black Greeks don't make the news," Kimbrough said. "We have to use stepping as a vehicle to get a message out."

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PHI DELTS ASPIRE TO BE STUDENT VOICE

GINO GEORGETTI AND RYAN CALIGIURI JOIN THE RACE TO LEAD UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

CHELCI HOWARD
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Benjamin Harrison is not the most well-known former president of the United States. Even though he shares his letters with Gino Georgetti, a USG presidential candidate, Georgetti is hoping for the opposite effect.

Georgetti, who hails from Rochester, New York but calls his birthplace Italy, has made news in the past few weeks numerous times as being revealed as one of the two University male mascots, Freddie, but has decided to take a different approach to delighting University students and has decided to run with fellow Phi Delt, Ryan Caligiuri for president and vice president of the Undergraduate Student Government. The position is currently filled with two Greeks, Alpha Sigma Phi Bernard Little and Alpha Chi Omega Kristen Kulbis.

Georgetti felt the need to announce his candidacy for the position because he felt attitudes towards USG on campus need to be altered.

"I really felt there is a need for USG to change the way it is perceived on campus. USG is the one organization that is meant to represent every single undergrad at BGSU. However, there are many students who are completely out of the loop on issues going on at BGSU and don't feel that USG is truly looking out for them," Georgetti said.

Georgetti feels that a mutually beneficial relationship would occur if USG attempted to reach out to the students whose voices they are representing.

"If USG reached out more to students, I feel that would help eliminate many misconceptions, as well as address problems facing USG in terms of involvement

within the organization, retention and overall support from students. I've held several leadership positions through my involvement on campus, and believe I am a well-rounded individual who relates well to students at BGSU. I feel USG needs some new faces," Georgetti said.

Besides being a member in Phi Delta Theta, in which he held the presidential position last year and representing the University as Freddie Falcon, Georgetti is also involved in Dance Marathon, ROTC and Homecoming. He also serves as a Campus Tour Guide and an employee at the Student Rec Center.

Throughout these leadership opportunities, Georgetti feels that he is the best candidate for the position and will keep the ball rolling with the issues that USG is currently working on such as the BG1 Card program and the downtown shuttle bus route.

Outside of those issues, Georgetti wants the students to have a larger say in the issues that face USG.

"I don't plan on coming in and telling students a hundred different things that need to change or has to be fixed because it is not USG's job to tell students what needs to be done," Georgetti said. "It is USG's job to present the information to students, and based on how the students feel and what USG can do about it; decide the best method to address that issue. I believe there are many students who would voice their opinion and even get involved with USG to an extent if our student government was made more accessible."

Besides reaching students, Georgetti also notices opportunities for the internal side of USG that would make the only organization mandated by

the University Constitution more effective.

"Right now there is too much of a turnaround rate to be a successful student government. If elected we will continue to pursue issues that students feel are important, as well as work hard to improve the relationship between USG and the student body," he said.

Georgetti also noted that he thinks that it is important to have a diverse group of students in USG to better understand the needs of the community in which it serves.

Besides the aforementioned issues that Georgetti plans to address, his focus is to build a stronger and more stable Undergraduate Student Government for his fellow students.

"The most important thing I would like to accomplish is to create a stepping stone for USG to build off of. I think USG is capable of many great things. Realistically, it cannot all be done at once; it takes time. However, doing things the right way from the start will help USG grow stronger, and as time goes on make accomplishing goals and pursuing issues that much easier," Georgetti said.

And students are inclined to agree. USG allowed campaigning to begin a lot earlier than it has in the past and the feedback from Georgetti's and Caligiuri's campaign trail has been strong and supportive.

"The campaign has gone great thus far. Many students have been helping out, and organizations we been very courteous in allowing us to come talk at their meetings. I have been approached with many questions about our campaign, and I have enjoyed talking with students. A lot of students have been encouraging,



BROTHERS IN ARMS: Georgetti and Caligiuri, Phi Delta Theta, feel that USG needs to be more in tune with student's needs and hope to represent them in USG.

and their support has been greatly appreciated," Georgetti said.

An issue that USG has always tried to combat against is students' fees being used to pay a full stipend for the president and a half stipend for the vice president. Georgetti and Caligiuri have vowed to see if their stipends can be re-invested into the organization to better serve the students that they would be representing.

Georgetti feels that he is truly the best candidate for the position and that he will put the charisma back in USG that has been lacking as of late.

"I really believe I will do the best job as USG President. I want the students to elect someone who they feel is not only going to represent them the best, but someone who they can approach with questions and know that will put everything they have into the position," Georgetti said.

"I've been honest with students when asked why I am running for this position, and I just think USG can be so much more than it is right now."

He also commented on the fact that students need to be heard more often in USG.

"I don't want students to feel like they can't go to USG with concerns, or that their opinion doesn't matter. I am realist, and I am not going to make a bunch of promises that I know I can't keep," Georgetti said. "I will work as hard as I can to make BGSU better for students. If the student body believes in what we want to do, and truly wants to see an improvement, they will vote, and the rest will take care of itself."

For more on his platform and instructions on how to vote for USG on April 2-3, Georgetti encourages students to visit his Web site: <http://personal.bgsu.edu/~vincegg/>.

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KARI ROOD
GREEK INDEPENDENT BOARD

FRATERNITY:

Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity

OTHER INVOLVEMENTS:

She is involved in Homecoming, GIB and O-Reg.

WHAT ROLE ARE YOU PLAYING FOR DANCE MARATHON?:

She is the Director.

PAST DM ROLES?:

She was the Finance Chair and was on a Core Committee.

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO FOR DM?:

She is looking forward to all of it. She wants to see it come together and the smiles on the kid's faces.

FAVORITE DR. SEUSS BOOK?

"Oh, The Places You Will Go."

WHAT SONG WOULD YOU LIKE IN THE LINE DANCE?:

She can't tell because she has already heard the music.

IF YOU WERE A MORALE CAPTAIN, WHAT COLOR WOULD YOU BE?:

She is an honorary morale captain and her color is black.

HOW MUCH DO YOU WANT DM TO RAISE THIS YEAR?:

She didn't set an amount because any amount will help families in NW Ohio.



ALAINA KANTER
PANHELLENIC COUNCIL

SORORITY:

Alpha Phi Sorority

OTHER INVOLVEMENTS:

She is involved in USG, "Believe In BG," University Success Program and she is a campus tour guide.

WHAT ROLE ARE YOU PLAYING FOR DANCE MARATHON?:

She is on the Event management committee.

PAST DM ROLES?:

Nothing, she was in a musical last year that ran at the same time as DM.

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO FOR DM?:

This is her first DM and she can't wait for the experience.

FAVORITE DR. SEUSS BOOK?

"One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish."

WHAT SONG WOULD YOU LIKE IN THE LINE DANCE?:

"D*ck in a Box" - The parody spoof by Justin Timberlake.

IF YOU WERE A MORALE CAPTAIN, WHAT COLOR WOULD YOU BE?:

She would be a red morale captain.

HOW MUCH DO YOU WANT DM TO RAISE THIS YEAR?:

She wants to double the amount from last year.



TIERNEY GRAYSON
NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL

SORORITY:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

MAJOR:

Communications

OTHER INVOLVEMENTS:

She is not only the president of NPHC, she also is a student fitness instructor at the Rec and a student assistant at the center for Multicultural and Academic Initiatives.

WHAT WAS ON YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST?:

Her list included money, gift cards and a pair of diamond studded earrings.

WHAT DID YOU DO OVER BREAK?:

She planned a safari—through the malls for fabulous after Christmas sales.

FAVORITE HOLIDAY SPECIAL?

She is particularly fond of claymation Christmas specials with Rudolph and Santa.

FAVORITE SONG:

"Upgrade," by Beyonce

FAVORITE STARBUCKS DRINK?

Tierney can be found sipping a grande, non-fat caramel machiatto.



BEN FORCHE
INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL

FRATERNITY:

Phi Delta Theta Fraternity

OTHER INVOLVEMENTS:

He is involved in Dance Marathon, Interfraternity Council and UAO

WHAT ROLE ARE YOU PLAYING FOR DANCE MARATHON?:

He is the co-chair for security.

PAST DM ROLES?:

He was a security volunteer in the past.

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO FOR DM?:

He wants to see if Jenny Pomerantz will do a repeat and fall on the stage again.

FAVORITE DR. SEUSS BOOK?

"Green Eggs and Ham."

WHAT SONG DO YOU WANT IN THE LINE DANCE?

"This Ain't Scene, It's an Arms Race" by Fall Out Boy.

IF YOU WERE A MORALE CAPTAIN, WHAT COLOR WOULD YOU BE?:

Ben would be orange.

HOW MUCH DO YOU WANT DM TO RAISE THIS YEAR?

Ben wants to see Dance Marathon raise \$500,000.

COLLEEN VERBUS
REPORTER

How many hats do Greeks wear during the campus-wide 32-hour long danceathon? Many!

Read and find out as Colleen Verbus asks four Greeks—Kari Rood, Alaina Kanter, Tierney Grayson and Ben Forche, about their involvement in Dance Marathon and what they plan on doing for the event

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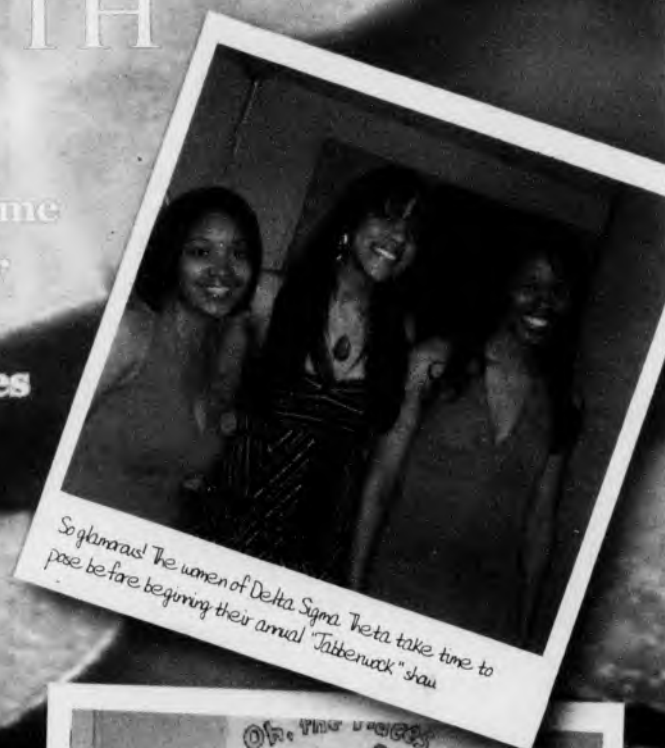
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Welcome home D-Chi guys! Newly initiated members of Delta Chi celebrate their pining with their brothers.



So glamorous! The women of Delta Sigma Theta take time to pose before beginning their annual "Tatterwork" show.



It's a KD family! The ladies of Kappa Delta embrace their new family on their big/little night.



Oh, the places you'll go! The executive board of Dance Marathon looks forward to a successful and fun Dance Marathon weekend.